

COMMENT OF THE DAY

RECALL OF THE STALINISTS

UNTIL recently, there have been people who believed that Mr Khrushchev was a man who favoured a liberalising trend in the internal affairs of both the Soviet Union and of the East European satellites.

Even after the Soviet Union crushed the Hungarian uprising some people still believed that Mr Khrushchev regarded this action with distaste, and would soon revert to the liberalising trend.

Unfortunately, developments in Hungary since the end of 1956 have suggested exactly the opposite. Certain concessions to popular feeling in the economic field have been much more than outweighed by tighter and tighter political repression.

Gone Back

THE Kadar government has gone back on all the promises it made under the extreme pressure created by the uprising. To judge by the outward picture, the Hungarian people are now one of the most rigidly controlled of the satellite nations.

The latest broken promise lies in the recall of prominent Stalinists who fled the country at the time of the uprising, and whose return to office had been promised by the Communist Party Central Committee.

This development may show the internal weakness of the Kadar regime, but it must surely also signify a return to Stalinism by those who hold ultimate power over Hungary—in the last resort, Mr Khrushchev himself.

The chief of all the Hungarian Stalinists is naturally Matyas Rakosi, the man who for many years was a loyal servant of Stalin in Russia, and who became a little Stalin in Hungary. Even before the 1956 uprising, internal and external pressures had forced him to yield his position and to leave the country for the Soviet Union.

No Talk
SO far, there has been no talk of his return, and it could only be authorised if Mr Khrushchev wanted deliberately to provoke the Hungarian people to fresh revolt.

Those who are already preparing the way are themselves prominent enough, or notorious enough, in Hungarian eyes. Four who were members of the Politburo under Rakosi have recently reappeared in public life.

Why are these people, all deeply detested in Hungary, now bidden to reappear? It may of course be that the Hungarian Communist Party has been so badly weakened by the uprising and the aftermath that Kadar cannot find enough reliable helpers without calling the Stalinists to his aid.

Tired?
EQUALLY it may be that the Soviet rulers are tired of the mask of pseudo-moderation which is worn by the Kadar regime, and dissatisfied with Kadar's inefficiency. They may be preparing for his removal.

Yet if the aim of bringing back the Stalinists is to strengthen the Communist rule in Hungary, the result may be the reverse.

There is evidence that the immediate effect has been to strengthen the spirit of opposition, even among the rank-and-file members of the Communist Party itself.

It may prove difficult for Mr Khrushchev to put the clock back without damaging the works.

LABOUR SNUBS GOVERNMENT

Refuses To Join In Bipartite Defence Policy

London, Mar. 25.
The British Labour Party will not officially join with the Conservative Government in a bipartite defence policy, parliamentary lobby circles said here tonight, after the meeting between Prime Minister Harold Macmillan and Labour leader Hugh Gaitskell.

MOLOTOV SEEN IN SIBERIA

By STEPHEN CONSTANT

London, Mar. 26.
A British company director touring Russia, Mongolia and China saw the sacked and banished V. Molotov 10 days ago.

In a letter which reached London yesterday, the director told how he saw the former Russian foreign minister who had been banished to Mongolia, the poorest and driest of Russia's embassies.

The company director writes: "I was about to board a China Airways plane at Irkutsk, Siberia, when I noticed Molotov coming to the plane escorted by seven men in plain clothes. He looked fit and well. I sat in the seat behind him all the way to Ulan Bator, the Mongolian capital, where he was met by a 17-car reception of high ranking Mongolian officials."

NO DURESS

The writer added that Molotov did not appear to be under any duress and the escort did not appear to be directing him in any way.

This is the first time that Khrushchev's arch enemy, Molotov, has been seen by a Westerner since his dismissal for only Communist diplomatic missions go to Ulan Bator. The fact that Molotov is allowed to travel with some semblance of independence, even under escort, may signify that he has accepted Khrushchev's victory and has stopped kicking against the regime.

(London Express Service).

BRITAIN CUTS CIVIL ESTIMATES

London, Mar. 25.
Britain is to cut costs in her Commonwealth and foreign services by more than £13 million according to the 1958-59 Civil Estimates published here today.

Net total to be spent on these services is £80,700,292 compared with the current year's expenditure of £93,919,014.

ASSISTANCE

Main cuts are a drop of £4,483,255 — to £11,800,450 — in direct assistance to foreign countries and £10,141,774 to £17,303,001 in colonial services. But development and welfare spending in the colonies is to be raised by £1,250,000 to £10,550,000.

Spending on the British Council, which presents the British way of life abroad, is to be increased by £349,450 to £2,737,300 and the Commonwealth Relations Office by £435,172 to £2,390,219. — Reuters.

Demands

Paris, Mar. 25.
Conservative members of Premier Felix Gaillard's coalition hardened their demands concerning Tunisia today and said the must be "neutral" rather than merely "non-belligerent" in the Algerian war.

This made M. Gaillard's job look harder than ever as he met the British and American "good offices" negotiators Harold Beeley and Robert Murphy, this afternoon. — United Press.

Sumatran Oil Centres Fall

By WILLIAM D. MILLER

Singapore, Mar. 25.
The Indonesian Army announced in Djakarta today the occupation of the oil-producing towns of Rengat and Tembilahan in Central Sumatra.

A dispatch from United Press correspondent Arnold Dibble in Djakarta said the Army reported that Government troops were unopposed in moving into the Slavine oil centres. The Army said 200 rebels went over to the Government with their weapons. Tembilahan is 45 miles east of Rengat on the Indragiri River. Rengat's airfield at Diapara was "previously damaged," the Army said, but was expected to be reopened later today.

HEAVY FIGHTING

Indonesian Central Government forces also claimed tonight the surrender of large numbers of rebel troops north of Medan but made no mention of reported heavy fighting south of the North Sumatran city.

Radio Medan, controlled by the Government, said more than 300 rebels, part of a two-battalion Achinese force under Major Usman, had surrendered between March 17 and 23. Most of them were said to have given up at Sidikalang, turning over bazookas, mortars and machine-guns.

From rebel headquarters at Bukittinggi, United Press correspondent Wendell Merick reported the departure of the Danish freighter Berlings from Padang harbour. The ship was freed by a Central Government corvette when it reached Padang last Friday with a cargo of food and medicine from Singapore.

The Danish Government asked Djakarta to guarantee safe passage for the freighter's outward trip but there was no report that it had been granted. — United Press.

CHINESE TRADE MISSION TO UK

London, Mar. 25.
An important Chinese State Trade Corporation's mission will arrive in the United Kingdom shortly for the purpose of negotiating and concluding buying contracts for a wide range of British products, the Sino-British Trade Council announced today.

The Council said these would include iron and steel, electrical goods, tractors, cables, machine tools and precision instruments.

ENCOURAGING

The party will also include several Chinese export representatives who will investigate means for increasing the sale of Chinese products in Britain. It is recalled that a Chinese economic and technical mission came here last autumn under the Council's auspices. The forthcoming arrival of a second Chinese mission is considered by the Council as "an encouraging first result" of its negotiations with Chinese representatives last year. — France-Press.

HONGKONG BLOUSES

London, Mar. 25.
Mr John Vaughan-Morgan, Minister of State, Board of Trade, said in a written House of Commons reply today that no action was being taken on the import of 5,000 dozen ladies' blouses from Hongkong at one shilling and tenpence halfpenny each.

Sir Arthur Vere Harvey (Conservative) had asked him to what extent the garments were 100 per cent empire produce. Mr Vaughan-Morgan said that before they were admitted duty-free under Imperial Preference customs officers satisfied themselves that they had been "manufactured in Hongkong from empire-produced fabrics." — Reuters.

HK Exercise

Canberra, Mar. 25.
The Royal Australian Navy will head a Commonwealth convoy exercise to be carried out between Singapore and Hongkong from April 3, the Australian Navy Minister, Mr Frederick Davidson announced today. — Reuters.

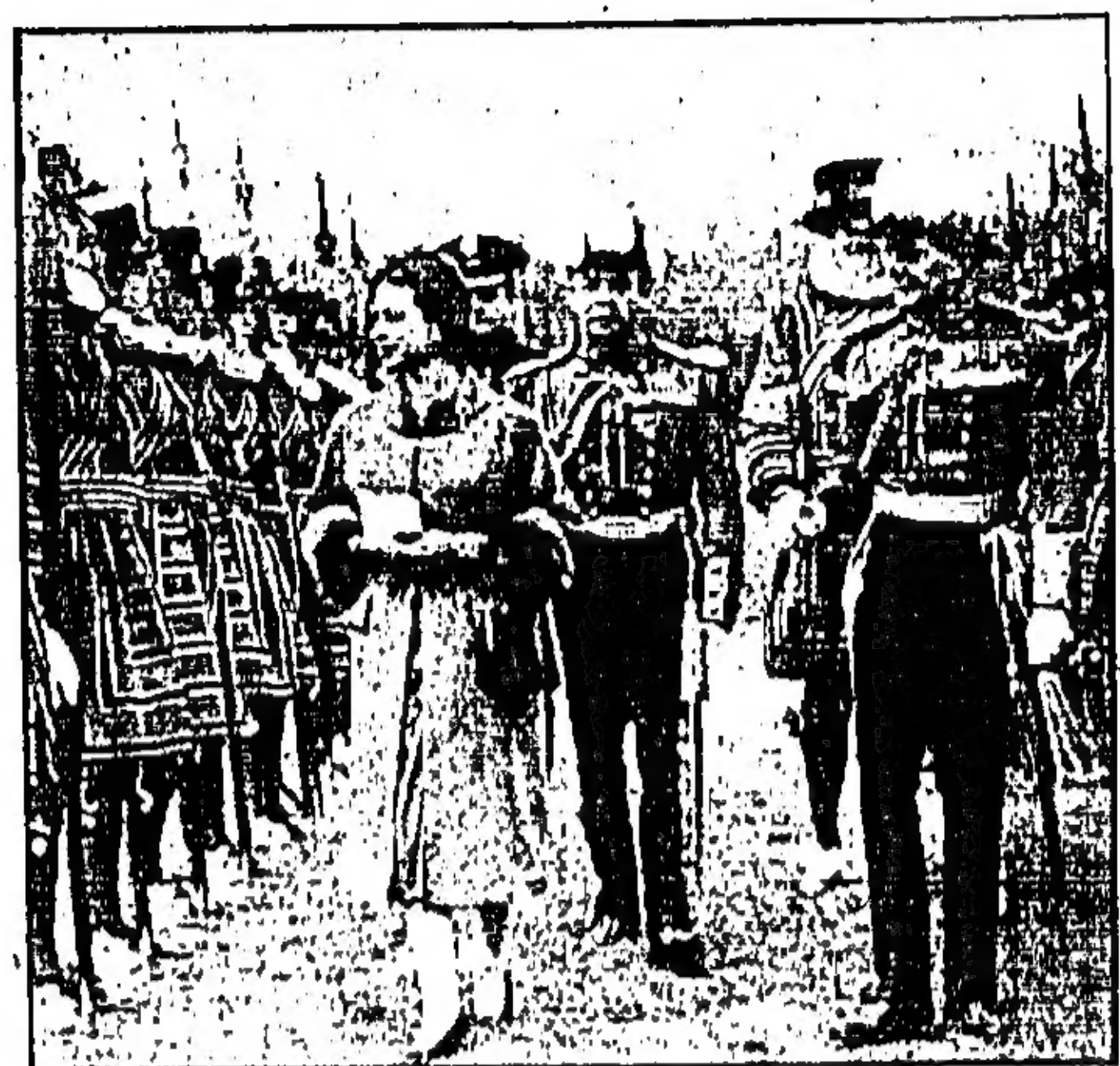
LYTTELTON WINS BUNGALOW BATTLE

Barnet, Mar. 25.
Humphrey Lyttelton, Britain's top jazz trumpeter, has won his battle to build a modernistic, sound-proof bungalow in this quiet suburb of London.

The Minister of Housing allowed an appeal by the old

cowshed, the council surveyor told a public inquiry. Mr Lyttelton denied his design was un-neighbourly. It would be easy to sound-proof, giving his neighbours protection against the sound of his trumpet practising. — China Mail Special.

YEOMEN OF THE GUARD



HM the Queen inspected the Yeomen of the Guard — in the garden of Buckingham Palace last Friday. Photo shows the queen during her inspection escorted by the Earl of Onslow (Capt of the Guard) and Major-General Sir Alan Adair (Lieut of the Guard).—Keystone.

Shift In Power In Oil Rich Kingdom Of Saudi Arabia

London, Mar. 25.
The first analysis of the shift of power in Saudi Arabia from King Saud to his brother Prince Faisal shows that it means another feather in the cap of Gamal Abdel Nasser, President of the United Arab Republic, informed British sources said today.

But there has been no official reaction as such, with the Foreign Office reserving comment.

Unofficially, however, there is a cautious assessment of the change, which some authoritative sources see more as a result of King Saud's weakness rather than a gain for Nasser. These quarters believe that Saud erred when he failed, first,

to deny complicity in the plot to assassinate Nasser, and, second, when he failed to throw in his lot either with the Egypt-Syria Union or the Iraq-Jordan club of kings.

These quarters believe that Prince Faisal will make more definite moves soon and choose Saudi Arabia's affiliation with one or other of the new Arab blocs.

They pointed out that Saudi Arabia now holds a tactical position because, should Faisal choose to join Nasser's Arab Union, the Iraq-Jordan Federation would be outflanked seriously.

Reconciliation

One high authority said he saw in the move "a family reconciliation" and pointed out that King Saud and Prince Faisal had previously been at loggerheads whereas now they did appear to have reached agreement "which could prove all for the better."

The London Times, meanwhile, said the changes in the desert kingdom "will make possible a definite in the battle of words with Cairo, though it must remain part of Nasser's long term policy to restore and increase his influence over Saudi Arabia."

Commenting on reports that Faisal was pro-Egyptian and might swing the nation in the direction of Cairo, the Times said, "it may be doubted whether any important members of the Saudi Royal Family are willing to allow an open breach in their ranks."

The editorial then cited the Cairo newspaper Al Ahram that "when Abdel Nasser speaks, crowns topple from heads."

"If the Saudi family allowed the process to start in their kingdom none of them could be sure where it would stop," the Times said. — United Press.

Exaggerated

Singapore, Mar. 25.
Djakarta Radio said today reports of famine in the country east of Djakarta were exaggerated.

The Radio said the reports had been investigated by the Health Ministry, which found some people had anorexia due to causes other than hunger. — Reuters.

Mintoff Warns Britain

Valetta, Mar. 25.
Mr Dom Mintoff, Malta's Prime Minister, warned Britain tonight that the Maltese Parliament will be dissolved and general elections held if Malta runs short of money during the coming financial year and Britain fails to foot the bill.

Speaking to the Legislative Assembly, he gave notice that his Government will go ahead with spending originally planned for the next financial year, despite a proposed British cut in financial grants to the island.

Mr Mintoff returned here last Saturday after talks in London with Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, the Colonial Secretary, over the economic and constitutional future of the island colony.

RECOMMENDATION

He said the last recommendation made to him and his colleagues by the Colonial Secretary was to resort to "no dramatic measures."

He remarked that his "30 ahead" policy was taken on the strength of this recommendation and in a final attempt to avoid "a complete breakdown in our relations with the British Government."

Mr Mintoff said as the Maltese Government had not agreed to adopt the fiscal measures suggested by the British Government, it would not accept responsibility for administration and government. — Reuters.

MUST CHANGE ATTITUDE SAYS LENNOX-BOYD

London, Mar. 25.
Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, the Colonial Secretary, said today the British Government could not pledge Parliament to proceed with plans for integrating Malta with the United Kingdom unless the Maltese Government showed "a very different state of mind."

He was reporting to the House of Commons on his recent talks in London with Mr Dom Mintoff, the Maltese Prime Minister.

The Colonial Secretary said: "It is impossible for the United Kingdom Government to pledge Parliament to proceed with integration unless a very different state of mind is shown."

But the British Government was prepared to resume discussion with the Maltese Government to find a modus vivendi pending consideration of long-term arrangements. — Reuters.

DIPLOMAT STOLE SECRET PLANS?

Phnom Penh, Mar. 25.
Vladimir Lukashvitz, a Russian diplomat here who has disappeared on his way back to Moscow, has flown to Bangkok, usually reliable sources said here today.

Although his name did not appear on any passenger list, he flew by Thai Airways on March 12, the sources said. Lukashvitz, Second Secretary at the Russian Embassy, was granted an exit visa at the Embassy's request. He was believed to have been recalled. He with his wife and son left by air early this month.

BLOWN OPEN

Cambodian Foreign Ministry sources said the diplomat's disappearance was notified when the Russian Embassy reported the Embassy safe was blown open. His fingerprints were found on the safe door.

These sources said they believed Lukashvitz was a Soviet Secret Agent and had stolen secret Communist plans. Other usually reliable sources said they believed the stolen plans dealt with Communist plans for the infiltration of Southeast Asia.

The Russian Embassy has so far refused to comment on the matter. — Reuters.

Toshack Acquitted Of Stealing

Sydney, Mar. 25.
Former cricketer Ernie Toshack was acquitted today of a charge of stealing £991 worth of copper while employed as a railway linesman.

The prosecution claimed he admitted to police helping to load the wire on a truck. Toshack denied the charge. Toshack's defending counsel told the jury that although Toshack is "one of cricketers' immortals," they should not let that influence them.

"Toshack is completely innocent," the counsel declared.

The jury acquitted Toshack after 20 minutes' deliberation. — United Press.

Chile Nitrates

Santiago, Mar. 25.
Chile is about to sell 500,000 tons of nitrates worth US\$15,000,000 to China, authoritative quarters said tonight. — United Press.

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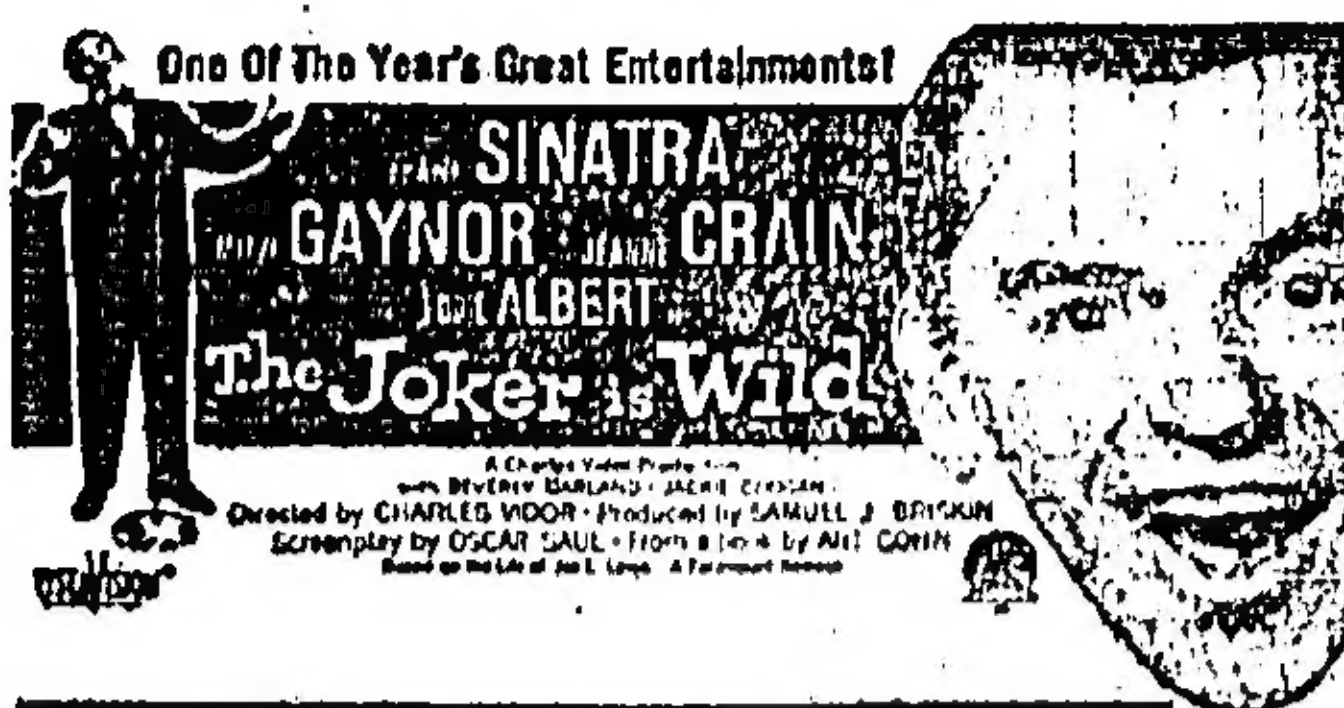
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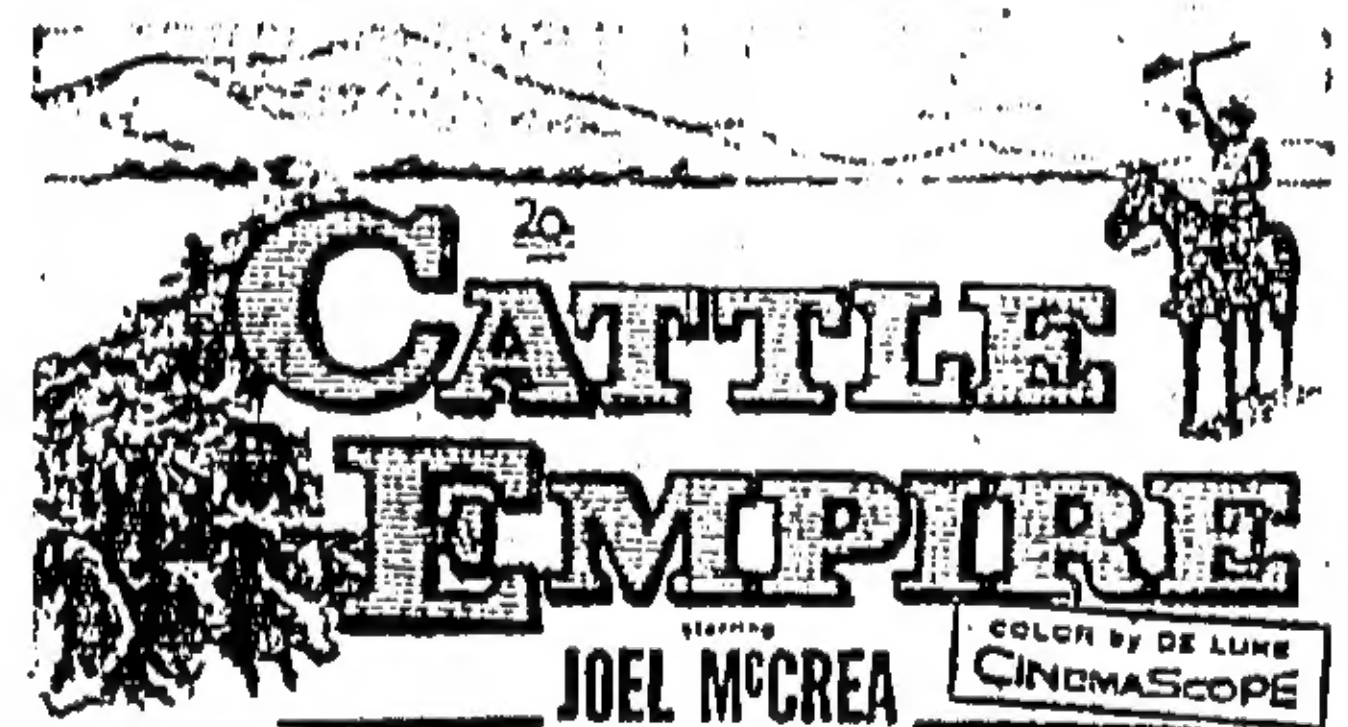
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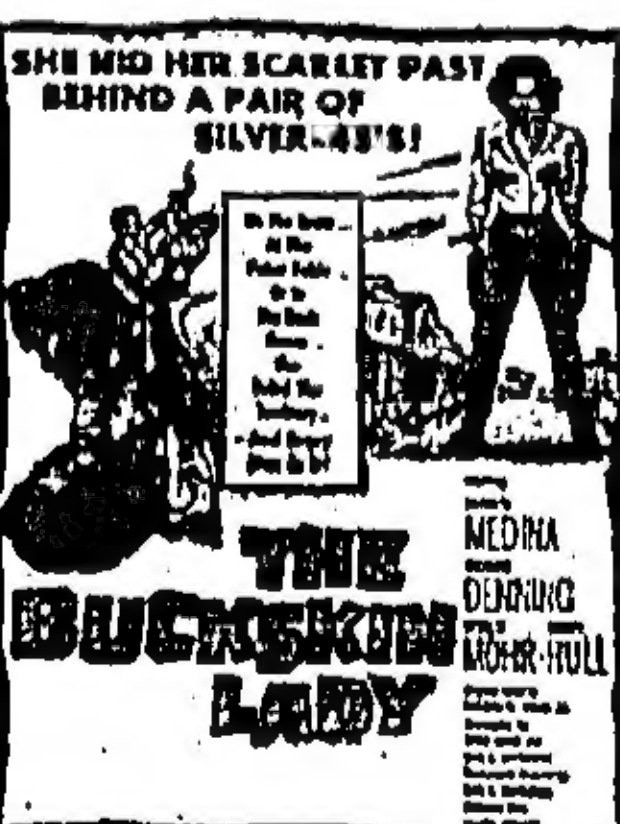


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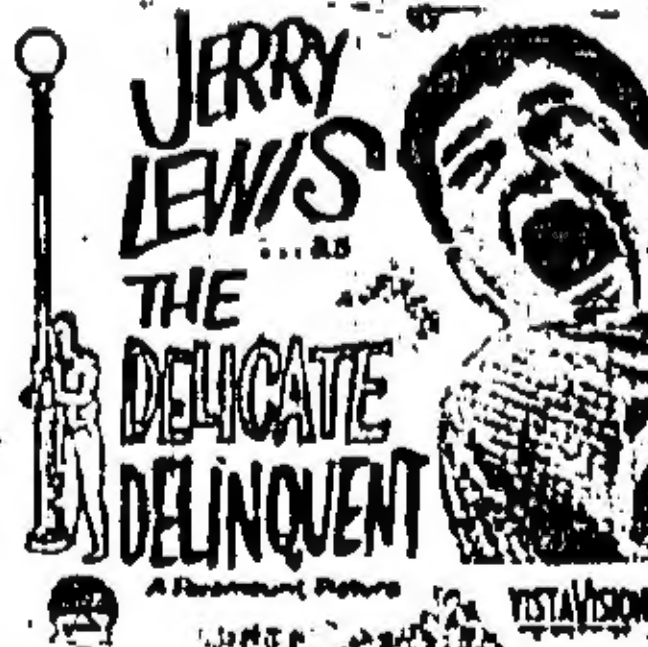
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ELIZABETH TAYLOR NEAR COLLAPSE

Showman Todd Buried

WE LOOK ON
ITALY AS
OUR COUNTRY
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—AUSTRALIAN

Roma, Mar. 25.
Australia now looks upon Italy as its country of origin in the same way as it looks upon England, Ireland and Scotland, the Australian Ambassador, Paul McGuire, told Premier Adono Zoli tonight during a courtesy visit.

During the first visit which he has paid to Signor Zoli, Mr McGuire expressed his hope that the forthcoming Italian elections may contribute to the maintaining of a flow of Italian emigrants to Australia.

He said that Italian workers were happy in Australia and his countrymen were happy to have Italians there.

Mr McGuire said: "The Italian colony in Australia has now topped the 200,000 mark and that is why Australia today considers Italy as its country of origin, just like England, Ireland and Scotland." —United Press.

Dramatic Scenes At Graveside

Chicago, Mar. 25.
Showman Mike Todd was buried here today amid the screams of his near-hysterical widow British actress Elizabeth Taylor. Miss Taylor had thrown herself onto Todd's coffin just before the burial. Then family friends supported her as she stumbled to the graveside.

She sobbed broken-heartedly and repeated "I can't believe it, I can't believe it" as Todd's coffin was lowered to join that of his father, Rabbi Chaim Goldbogen.

Miss Taylor was already in a state of collapse when she arrived at the Waldheim Cemetery where Todd was buried in a family plot. She was almost carried to the graveside by her personal doctor, Dr. Rexford Kennemer, and her brother, Mr. Howard Taylor.

At the graveside, she broke away from her escorts and threw herself onto the coffin.

COMMOTION

Todd's associates had arranged today's ceremony as a "quiet and dignified family affair" but it was marred by a commotion involving Todd's estranged older brother, 61-year-old Carl Goldbogen, a taxi driver.

Goldbogen loudly objected to the presence at the funeral of Todd's private secretary, Dick Hanley.

PRIVACY

He refused to listen to members of the party who tried to quiet him, shouting: "Throw me out, I dare you to throw me out. I will not be here while Hanley is here. I know I'm only poor Carl."

Another brother, Frank, spoke to him and managed to calm him after a few minutes. Todd and three companions lost their lives on Saturday when his private plane crashed and burned in the mountains of New Mexico. He was on his way to New York where a testimonial dinner was being held in his honor on Sunday.

The family had taken careful precautions to ensure privacy. At the last moment, they advanced the time of the funeral in the hope of avoiding crowds of sightseers.

Only members of the family and intimate friends were allowed at the graveside for the simple Jewish rites.

The hearse, followed by a single wreath-bearing car, traveled through Chicago's West Side where Todd, born Avram Goldbogen, spent his earlier years.

"TORN ..."

Miss Taylor and other members of the funeral party traveled to the cemetery in separate cars.

The funeral service consisted of a brief Hebrew prayer and a few short verses from the Prophets.

In Hollywood, meanwhile, comedian George Jessel in giving the eulogy at a Temple Israel service, said Todd was a



Mike Todd

man who "brought the world together in a motion picture." Mr Jessel read from the speech that he had planned to make at the dinner last Sunday at which Todd was to have been guest-of-honor.

Mr Jessel said: "This dark, why thing that calls himself Mike Todd is a combination of many qualities. He has the talented pleadings of the push-cart peddler and the audacity of a Roman emperor."

"It seems hard to believe at this moment that this bundle of assurance, this tightly-woven cloth of ambition has been torn from the loom." —Reuter.

"I LOVE YOU"

During the burial, Miss Taylor sobbed, "I love you, Mike." Afterwards, she again had to run the gauntlet of the line of photographers as she emerged from the tomb. Again her brother and her doctor half carried, half dragged, her toward the open door of her limousine.

Several times she stumbled and nearly fell but was supported by the two men. A few women in the crowd screamed and some handkerchiefs were waved. Two children, dressed in scarlet play suits with white mittens and muffs, almost fell off the top of the tomb as the crowd craned forward.

Her face widening, she slumped in the back seat of her car, still supported by her doctor and brother.

For a time the crowds hemmed in the car and she said: "Please, for God's sake, get the car moving!" Finally, with a police escort, she was driven to her Chicago hotel.

There the police escort reported, she collapsed, but the doctor quickly revived her. —Reuter.

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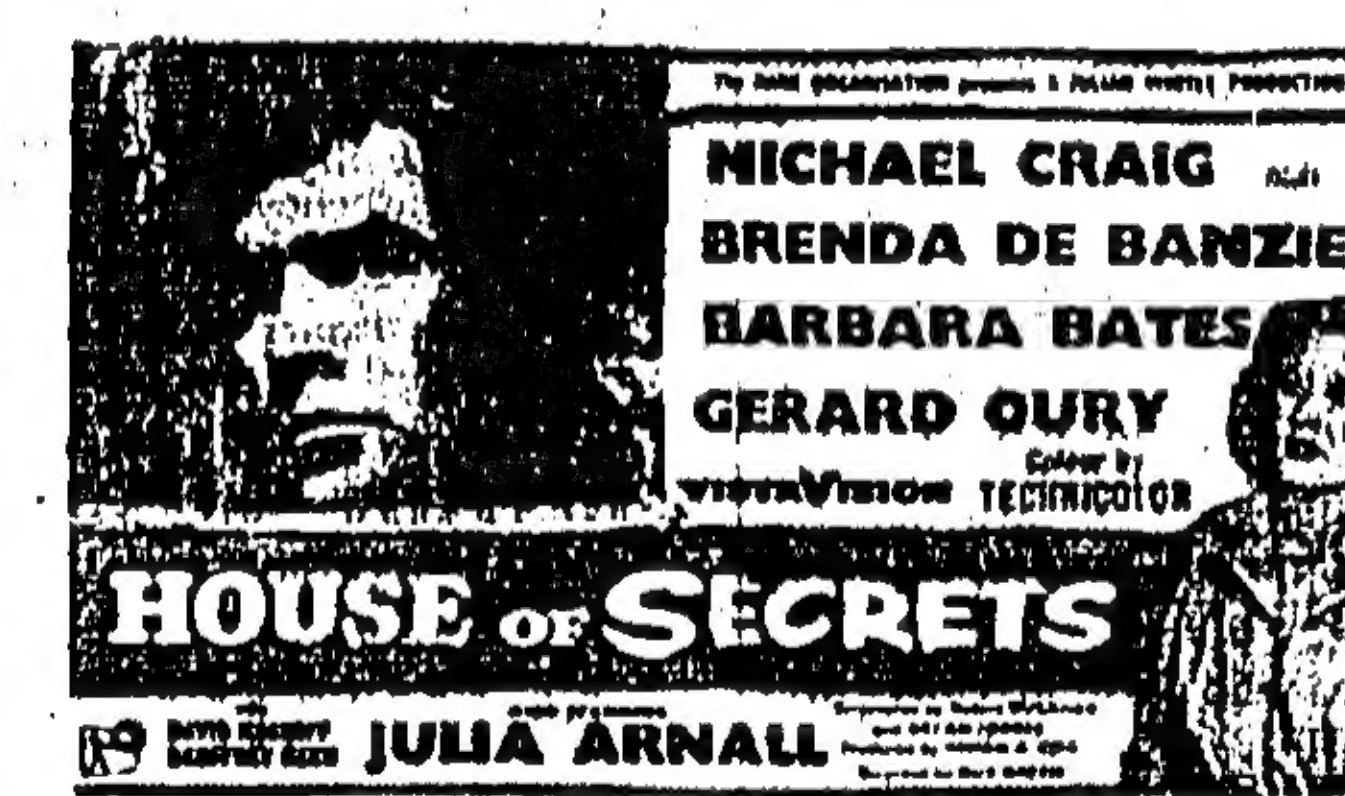
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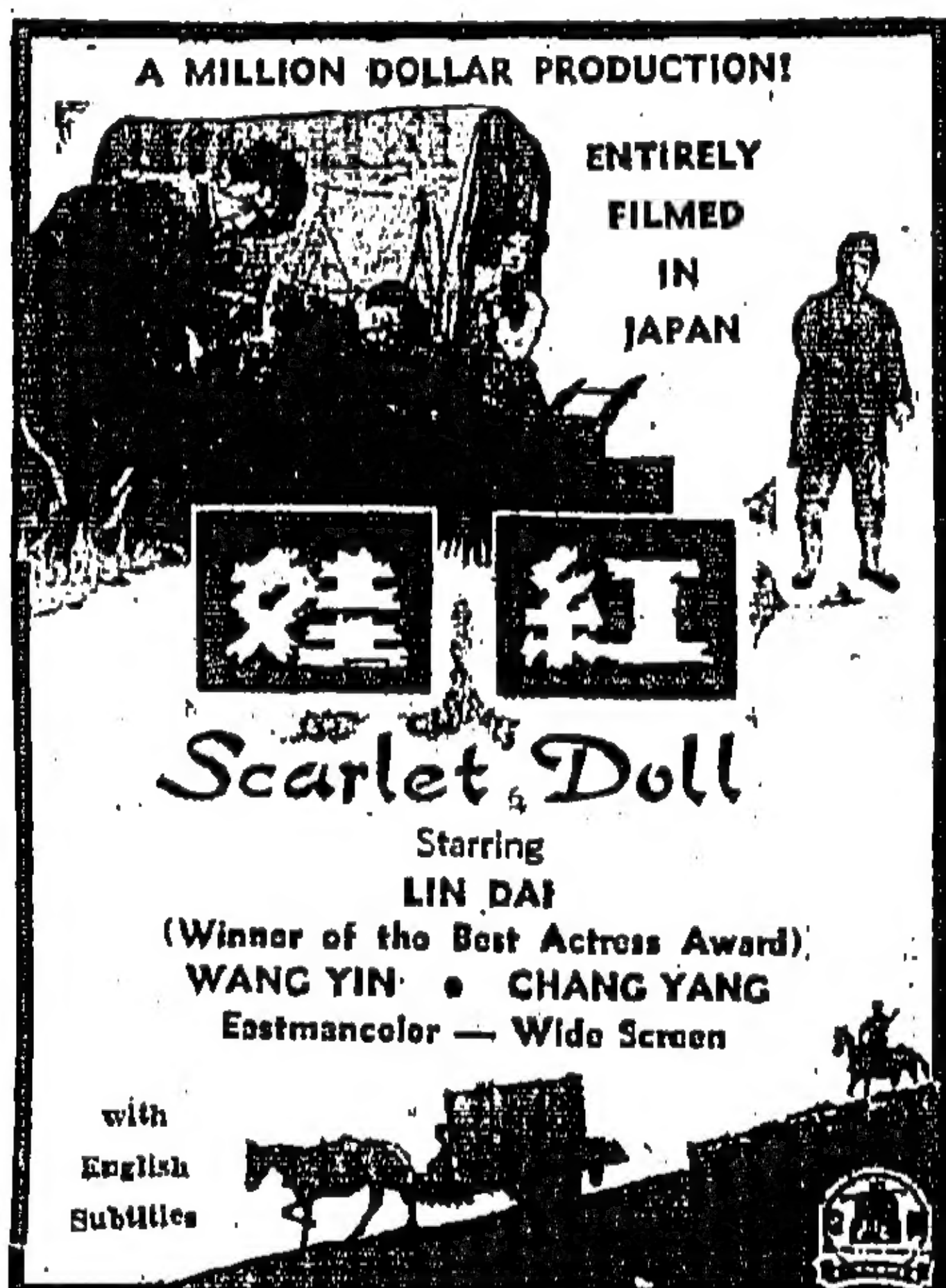
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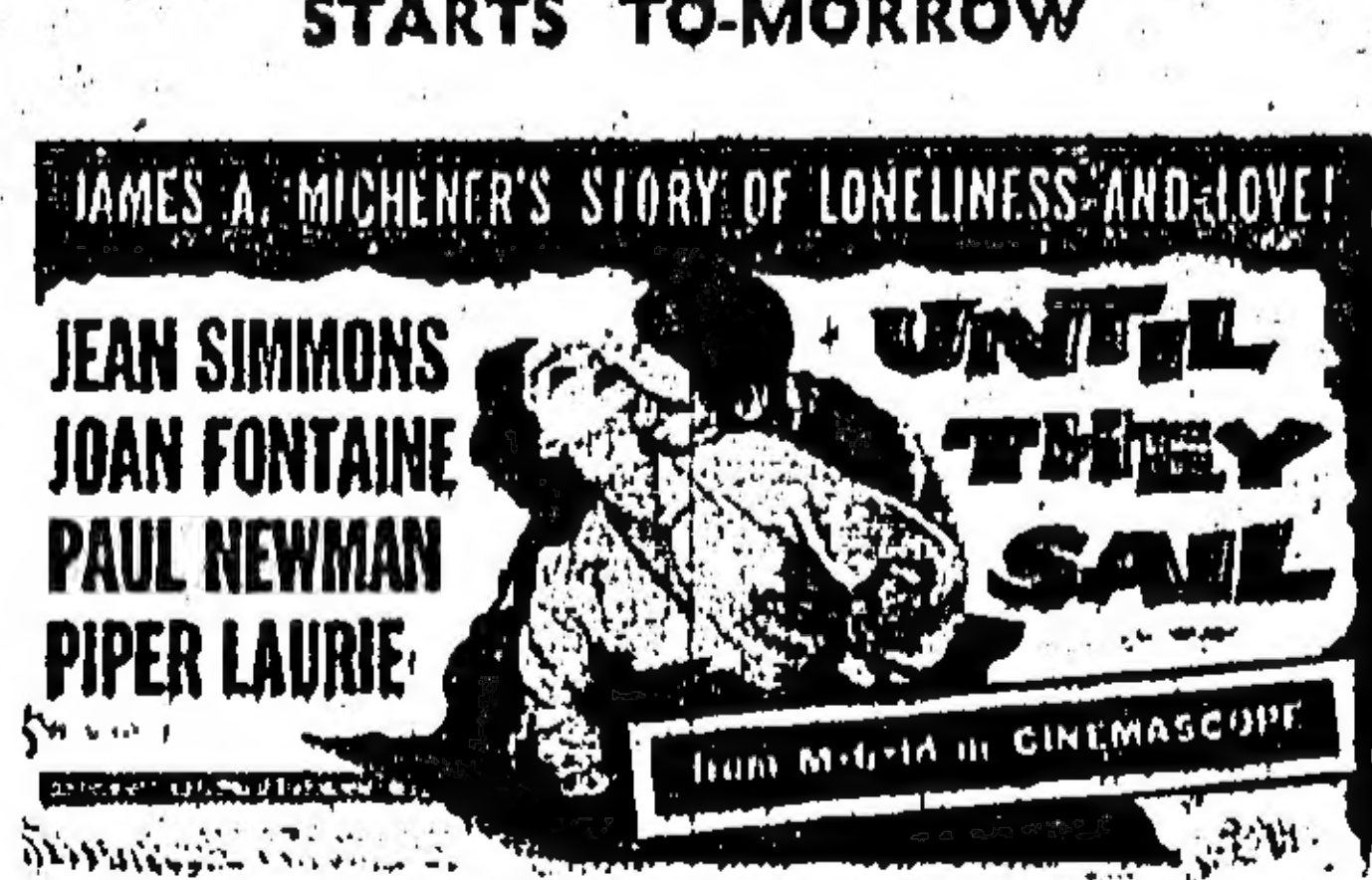
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CABLE BRIEFS

Truce Line, Korea, Mar. 25.
All the comforts of home are provided for the dental patients from the US 12th Cavalry Regiment's 2nd Battle Group.

Lt. Irving M. Friedman, Group dental officer, has installed a hi-fi record player in his office and gives patients their choice of peppermint, orange or liquorice-flavoured mouthwash because, he said, "We want to make our patients feel at ease."—United Press.

Des Moines, Mar. 25.
State Treasurer M. L. Abramson explained yesterday why the Iowa Executive Council declined to fix a maximum price to be charged by the State House shoeshine boy.

"If his prices are too high," the Treasurer said, "he'll soon go out of business."—United Press.

Alexandria, Mar. 25.
City officials today were studying an old traffic ordinance in the light of late model four-wheel drive autos.

The law specifies that each motor vehicle shall have two headlights.—United Press.

Jackson, Mar. 25.
Police conceded today that when they asked Elton Griffith a serious question they received a frank answer.

Picked up because his car was weaving recklessly through downtown traffic, and asked what he'd been drinking, Griffith replied "Whiskey, wine and beer."—United Press.

Dogs' Royal Relatives

"I WILL PETITION THE QUEEN," SAYS WOMAN

Hartley, Kent, Mar. 25.
A woman ordered by a court to sell her 27 dogs plans to petition the queen—because the dogs have royal relations.

Miss Ida Somerton Bellerby is quoted today as saying: "I shall fight to get my darlings back. I shall petition the Queen, for after all they are related to her dog."

The "darlings" are Roodstock Ridgebacks, a rare type which Miss Bellerby breeds. Yesterday magistrates at Dartford fined her

£2 for causing unnecessary suffering to the dogs.

They also banned her from keeping dogs for 25 years and ordered their sale.

Miss Bellerby recalled that when she brought her first Ridgeback "Lady of Emsane" from Kenya, the Queen agreed to the bitch being mated with her champion Ridgeback, "Just of Hamble."

That litter was the foundation of Miss Bellerby's kennels.—China Mail Special.

Adenauer Wins Bundestag's Approval

ATOM ARMS FOR W. GERMANY

The Stormy Four-Day Debate Comes To An End

France Is Shocked By Death Sentence

Morocco, Mar. 25.
French circles here, astounded by the death sentence handed down against two French officers, said today that this was the first time a Moroccan court had decreed the supreme penalty for French citizens.

French quarters were commenting on a Moroccan court decision yesterday, sentencing two French officers to death in absentia for plotting against the security of the state.

The officers, Colonel Hubert and Captain Vallach, were accused of obtaining information from two Moroccan defendants about the activities of the Moroccan army of liberation in Rif area in 1955 and 1956.

The French Embassy here and the French armed forces General-Staff in Morocco had not been informed about the judicial proceedings, which took place entirely in Arabic.

The two officers and a third French defendant were not represented by legal counsel, and the only French observers were journalists.—France.

Bonn, Mar. 25.
Dr Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, tonight won approval from the Bundestag (Lower House) for a motion empowering the government to equip West German forces with atomic weapons, if no general disarmament agreement is reached.

The vote, by a show of hands, came after a stormy debate lasting four days during which trade unionists have demonstrated in various parts of the country against nuclear armament.

The House thus endorsed the policy announced by Dr Adenauer last Thursday when he said the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation's strategic planning called for West German participation in "developments in modern arms techniques" and that if West Germany refused, she would exclude herself from Nato.

The operative part of the motion said: "In agreement with the demands of this (Nato) defense system and in view of the armament of possible enemies, the armed forces of the Federal Republic must be equipped with the most modern weapons so that the armed forces may fulfil the obligations taken over by the Federal Republic under the Nato treaty and

make a necessary contribution to the securing of peace." Before the House voted, Herr Konrad Adenauer, for the Christian Democratic Parliamentary group which had presented the motion, said that the phrase "the most modern weapons" was not intended to mean hydrogen bombs.

In brief statements spokesmen of the two opposition parties, which oppose nuclear weapons for the Federal forces, said a national emergency was threatened.

Herr Erich Ollenhauer, leader of the Social Democratic Party, said his party would introduce a bill providing for a referendum in which the people would be asked whether West German forces should be equipped with atomic weapons and whether they felt atomic bases should be permitted on West German soil.

This morning immediately it reassembled the Christian Democratic majority enforced a gullotine ruling by a show of hands.

The Social Democratic Opposition strongly opposed the limiting of speaking time today to eight hours as an attempt

by the government to dodge further debate. Herr Karl Mommer, who spoke for the Social Democrats, said this would only be in the interest of the "West German Federal atomic equation—the Defence Minister Franz-Josef Strauss. Herr Mommer was called to order by the speaker.

Temper in the Bundestag were noticeably cooler today than on Friday and Saturday when the noise sometimes became so great that the speaker threatened to adjourn the debate.

The first speaker today, Dr Heinemann, a Christian Democrat-turned-Social Democrat, said nuclear weapons in or for West Germany would be against international law and Christian morals.

He said the West German constitutional court might one day be forced to deal with the question of whether atomic arms for West Germany were legal under the West German constitution.

Dr Heinemann said "I think of the atom and hydrogen bombs only as an insecticide, with human beings playing the role of insects."—Reuter.

Two Queens Call For "A New Spirit"

Amsterdam, Mar. 25.
Queen Elizabeth and Queen Juliana of Holland tonight called for a new spirit to banish the world's fears and tensions.

The two Queens were speaking at a state banquet in the Royal Palace here on the first night of Queen Elizabeth's three-day state visit with her husband, Prince Philip.

Queen Juliana spoke of the sufferings caused by the wars that had raged over most of the earth this century.

NEW WORLD

"But I believe one should consider them to be the birth pangs for a new world," she told the 210 guests assembled at long tables in the Burgers' Hall of the palace.

"Often the best results are only obtained after suffering, and we may visualise from afar what this new world might be in its magnificent simplicity."

"But understanding, harmony and union will only come nearer to the extent by which all evil that fosters controversies, in whatever form, will have been overcome. May God grant us the strength we need—and open eyes."

Queen Elizabeth, replying, said: "I echo your Majesty's hopes for a new spirit."

"The nations of the world must somehow gain that understanding and tolerance of each other that alone can banish the fears and tensions that have so far marked this century."

The two Queens sat together under one of the six giant chandeliers hanging from the ceiling of the hall. Queen Elizabeth wore a gown of primrose yellow satin hemmed with sky blue satin and a blue satin drape across the front of her skirt.—Reuter.

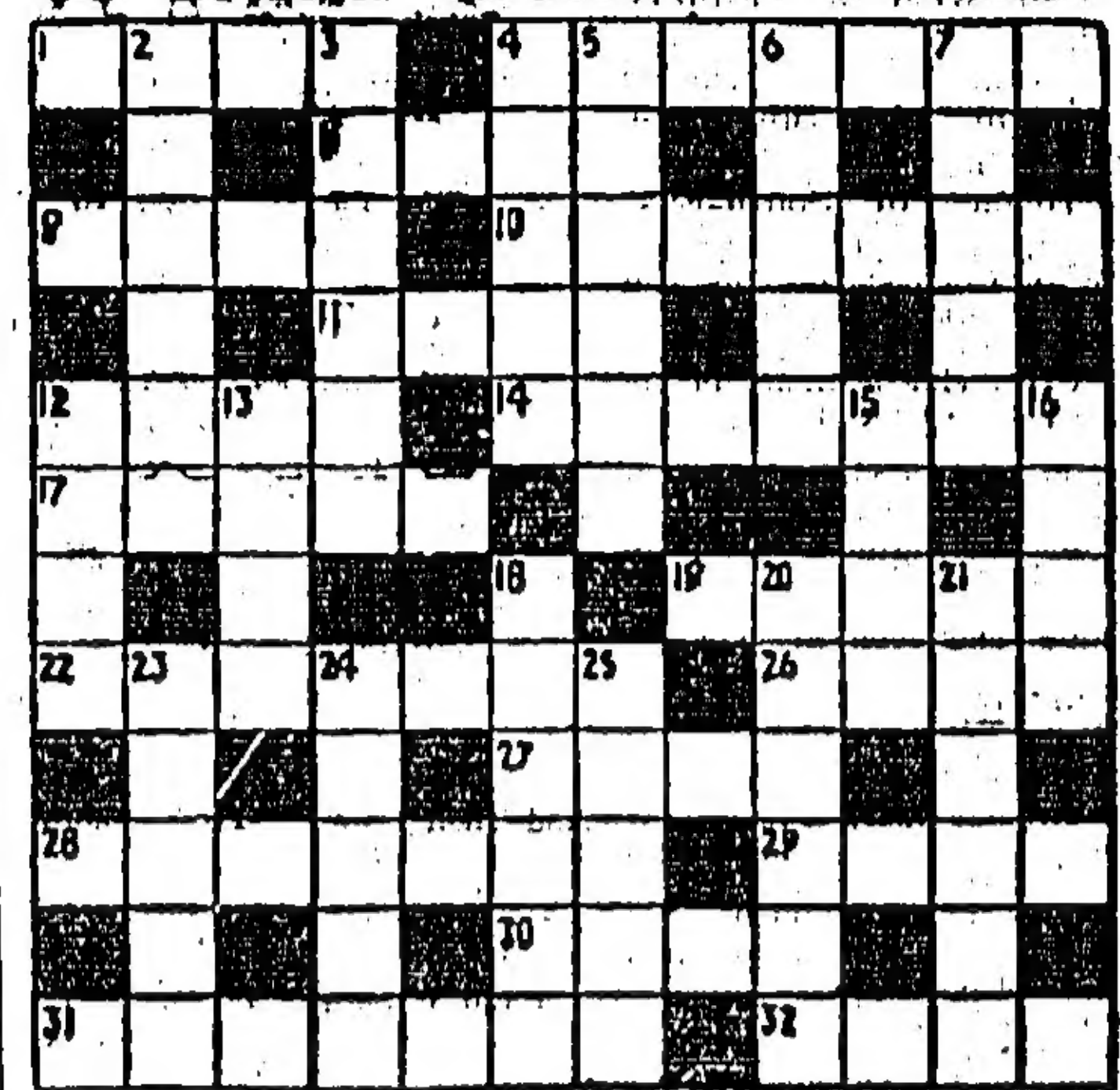
Cat Who Owns House Is Dead

Omaha, Mar. 25.
Midge, the cat who owned a house, died today, aged 17.

Midge inherited the house of its owner, under the terms of its master's will. The house now goes to Midge's housekeeper, Mrs Harold Weidman, whose job was to look after the cat and serve it three meals a day.

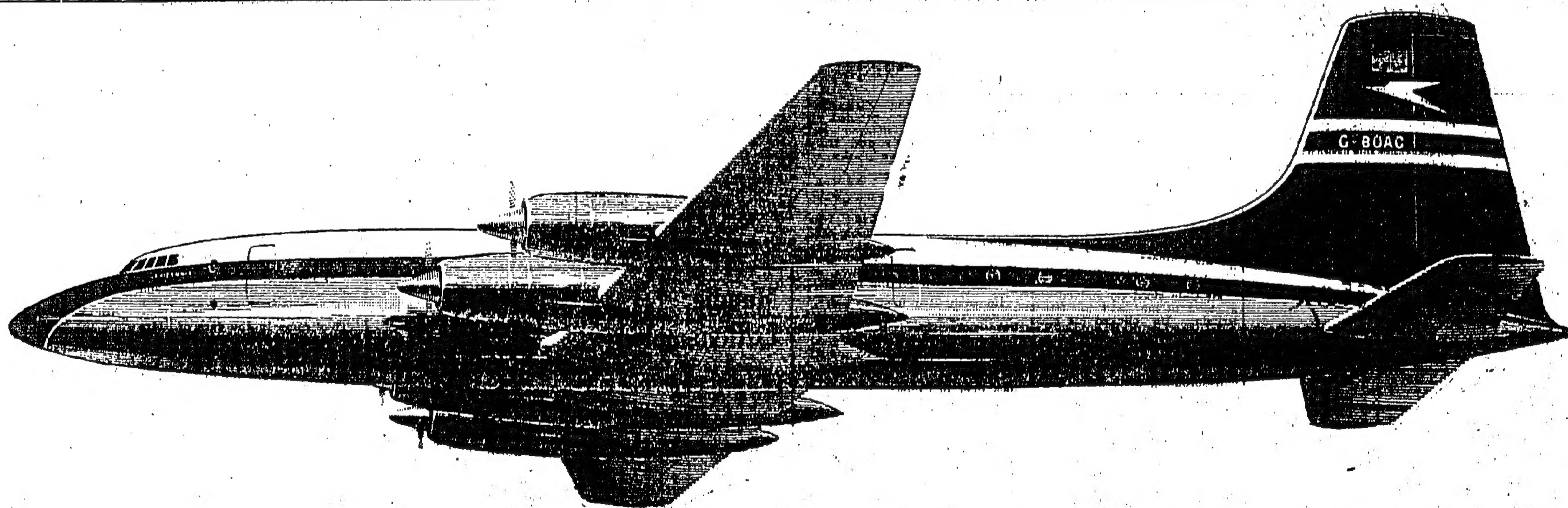
But before she can enter into legal possession of the house, Mrs Weidman must produce a certificate proving that Midge had died from "natural causes." The veterinary who attended Midge said that death was due to uraemia.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- Engrave part of a sketch (4).
 - Approach (7).
 - At one time (4).
 - Run along (4).
 - They get their own back, with interest (7).
 - Departed, unexpectedly (4).
 - Water—nothing more (4).
 - Dishes, of course (7).
 - Bedeck (5).
 - A flower came up (5).
 - At his signal, they're off (7).
 - Afraid (4).
 - Waterless, shall we say? (4).
 - Tackling it may be uphill work (7).
 - Can be eaten when in a hole (4).
 - Graven image (4).
 - She's noble, and in her own right, perhaps (7).
 - Watched closely (4).
- DOWN
- Ring the bell, but not by pushing a button (6).
 - Infantile blunder? (6).
 - Coming to a crisis (5).
 - Take exception to (6).
 - Mistake (5).
 - To the point (5).
 - A name from outer space! (4).
 - She's a bit prosaic (4).
 - Really black (4).
 - Simmer (4).
 - Scrying game (6).
 - Possibly a sign of a screw loose (6).
 - Not impulsive (6).
 - Colour slightly (5).
 - Royal Hunt? (6).
 - Features of some water's edge (5).

TUESDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Tom-tom, 5 Steak, 8 Minor, 9 Garden, 10 Larch, 11 Natal, 12 Trip, 13 Cause, 16 Viceroy, 18 Edited, 20 Ratio, 22 BOAC, 23 Slope, 25 Cache, 26 Levant, 27 Enter, 28 Chest, 29 Setter. Down: 1 Together, 2 Marinet, 3 Omen, 4 Minaret, 5 Solaced, 6 Tralee, 7 Avers, 14 Arrogant, 15 Executor, 16 Violent, 17 Nestles, 19 Dishes, 21 A-bash, 24 Sore.



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LOGAN GOURLAY

WORLD TOUR No. 5

A CHINESE girl was singing an American rock 'n' roll number in Chinese with a Filipino band.

I was in a Chinese restaurant in Singapore, which they still call the crossroads of South-East Asia among other things.

Mr Aw Cheng-talk—"Just call me (Cheng-talk if you can)—a charming Chinese millionaire who was giving a dinner in my honour, apologised for the fact that the girl singer didn't know an appropriate song like 'I belong to Glasgow'."

I was thankful she didn't, having heard it sung in berry mariners' baritone in Bombay, Calcutta, and even Bangkok.

It's magic

WE were sitting at a large circular table. Among the dozen or so guests there was only one other European, another bold newspaperman.

On my right was Mr Ooi, editor of a local paper. Opposite was the bespectacled Mr James Peter Chin, amiable secretary of Cheng-talk. On my left was Cheng-talk himself, who, at 26, must be one of the youngest local millionaires.

With his brother, sister, and cousins he runs a firm which includes a chain of newspapers, banking and insurance houses.

Yam Seng! It was that sort of a night...



★ WHICH MEANS SIMPLY 'BOTTOMS UP'

flam, arthritis, to snake-bites, dandruff, and athlete's foot.

Off the menu!

It does not contain powdered tigers' whiskers, as the ignorant peasants once believed, and it can be swallowed in small or large doses for internal complaints.

I was assured there was no Tiger Balm on the menu that night. I was ready for anything else, though. It has taken me three weeks to recover from my Bombay dinner.

While we were waiting for the food to arrive, I learned the meaning of "Yam-seng," which might be considered the most debal words in the Chinese language.

They mean simply—"Bottoms up." But when a Chinese gentleman lifts his glass to you and says "Yam-seng," he means "Yam-seng."

If you don't empty your glass immediately you are guilty of grave discourtesy.

As the guest of honour, I was being yam-senged on all sides. The moment a glass was emptied it was immediately refilled by a waiter constantly in attendance with whisky and brandy bottles.

An old joke

THERE was a temporary lull when the first course arrived—a large platter of Chinese home delicacies.

It was placed on the revolving tray on the centre of the table and guests helped themselves with chopsticks. I missed a mussel with my chopsticks and got a piece of egg with the yolk dyed black.

Cheng-talk said it was a specially preserved 100-year-old Chinese egg, which I gathered was an old Chinese joke.

Next came birdnest soup, which tasted like birdnest soup.

Mr Ooi ("Call me 'Ooi' like the French") said: "When I was in London recently I tried all the Chinese restaurants, but the food was terrible, not like this."

Mr Chin stood up and offered a toast to me and to Great Britain. He clinked his glass against mine. Yam-seng!

Cheng-talk, who is jovial and plumply Orientalist good-looking, with a magnificent hair-sprouting mole on his left cheek, offered a toast to our friendship. "Yam-seng!" He swallowed and went on: "I am a pro-colonialist, a traitor. I am just not in favour of too much independence too soon in Singapore."

"The British naval and military bases employ 40,000 people and spend thousands of pounds on materials. What would happen if they suddenly left?" He was interrupted by the arrival of the shark's fin soup, which is seasoned with black



vinegar. Mr Chin, eager to air his knowledge of London, was upstanding and toasting "Fleet Street, Piccadilly Circus and that fascinating place Billingsgate. Yam-seng."

Cheng-talk said he wouldn't be offended if I didn't eat the shark's fin soup. On came the sucking pig, or piglet. It was, I am happy to say, delicious.

During this course the cabaret act appeared. "Miss Dona Kaye from Kansas City, presenting music with a difference." Miss Kaye played a miniature piano accordion and sang "I've Got a Crush On You" while somersaulting and standing on her head.

She had pretty legs but she had a voice like a Kansas hogcaller. She was certainly different.

But despite the distraction the piglet had been gobbled up until only the tail was left, curling up defiantly and sadly in the middle of the platter.

Another drink

A PHONE message was delivered to Cheng-talk telling him that the late news brought no fresh developments in the Indonesian rebellion, so we could relax for the moment.

He said: "We used to sell a lot of Tiger Balm in Indonesia but not since it became independent. We lost a good market, but nothing compared with the market and the money we lost when the Communists took over in China."

He looked mournful, but only for a moment, then he was on his feet again toasting. "Let's drink to the brotherhood of man. I am Chinese, my skin is yellow. I respect Chinese tradition and Chinese culture."

"But I was born here under the British flag. My family and I have prospered here. To my British brothers. Yam-seng." His mole hairs quivered emotionally as he drank. I

raked Mr Ooi what the black delicacy was that had just been served. He said: "It is a bird. It is pigeon. Very good."

Mr Chin was on his feet again with yet another toast. "To that celebrated Square known throughout the world. To Trafalgar Square. Yam-seng."

I decided to retaliate slightly. I offered a toast to "Tiger balm. Yam-seng."

At midnight precisely the Filipino band played "God Save the Queen." Every one of the cosmopolitan diners in the restaurant—Chinese, French, German, American, Malay, and Dutch business men—stood stiffly to attention. For me it was a strange, oddly touching sight. For the diners at our table it was also a considerable achievement.

THE FAVOURITE

THERE is a fairly high suicide rate among the Chinese who make up 80 per cent of Singapore's population of one and a half million. The favourite poison is caustic soda. So caustic soda can only be bought now on permits.

FOR A 'QUICKIE'

SINGAPORE bars close at midnight and after that, says the law, no drinks may be served. But in Bugis Street (pronounce it Boogie) you can sit at one of the open-air cafes crowded within a sleazy 100 yards and drink till three or four in the morning. Watched by the blind eyes of at least two policemen. You can also buy anything else you fancy, including cigarette lighters, watches, opium and caustic soda for quite a quick suicide.

Maudie Littlehampton

(wife of an Earl and mother of the last of the Dobs) is on her way to America.

Maudie is one of this newspaper's unrivalled gallery of cartoon characters... the Gills family, the Gambols, Pop, Ferdinand, Rupert.

She is the arch-debunker of the sophisticated pose.

Her arrival on Broadway should be devastating.

The journey begins on page 10 today.

- Did a hotel register and a bottle of champagne show that a high dignitary of the Church was living an immoral life?
- Or was there a deeply-folded conspiracy to ruin an innocent cleric?
- The evidence led to a legal stalemate—and a public furore.
- Then the Privy Council decided that the Venerable John Wakeford's sleeping habits settled the issue.

Pyjamas ruin the Archdeacon

DID the Archdeacon wear pyjamas? That was the question which had all England talking 37 years ago. This was no ordinary case. Archdeacons are not often accused of adultery.

And the Venerable John Wakeford, Archdeacon of Siow, Canon and Precentor of Lincoln, was known all over the country as a preacher of great power and popularity. The prosecution claimed that the Archdeacon sent a postcard reserving a double-room, that he arrived on Good Friday with a woman, that he dined that night and breakfasted the next morning in the company of the same woman.

The manager testified that he saw them arrive and greeted them; the manager's wife that she saw them at dinner, at breakfast and in their bedroom. A waitress said she escorted the pair upstairs, where they had a bottle of champagne, and later waited on them at dinner. The manager of the local Co-op, stated that he saw them arrive at the hotel—he noticed the Archdeacon's gaiters. Three police officers gave evidence that they saw them in and around the hotel.

It was a formidable case to answer. And to cap it all the manager of the hotel, Mr Pugh, said the Archdeacon add the words "and wife" to his entry in the hotel register.

But the Archdeacon never wavered in his stout denial. His meals he took by himself. As for the suggestion that he had had a bottle of champagne he regarded the statement as an aspersion on his character. Neither, he added, did he drink "malt liquors or spirits."

NIGHTSHIRT

In his support Archdeacon Wakeford called a number of witnesses who said that they saw no woman with him in the dining-room. So on this issue the two sides were deadlocked. But there were other considerations. There were those pyjamas. Most important of all, there was the alleged conspiracy.

The hotel manager swore he saw a nightdress and a pair of pyjamas on the Archdeacon's bed. The Archdeacon instead of



BY IVAN YATES

denying the presence of the nightdress said that he never wore pyjamas.

He called Miss Fanny Drury, house-parlourmaid at the Precentory. She said the Archdeacon's packing. She said his night attire was always a shirt. Except in France. There he wore pyjamas. On this occasion, not being in France, she had packed a shirt.

Honours seemed equal in this exchange. But could the rest of the evidence, so certain, so compelling and so corroborated be explained away? Could all those witnesses have made the same mistake?

The Archdeacon was scrupulous in the witness-box. When he gave his evidence denying that he had written the words "and wife" in the register, counsel cross-examining bore down on him: "You suggest that the entry in the visitors' book was a forgery?" To which the Archdeacon firmly, with dignity, replied: "I am not going to be drawn into a denunciation of anybody. I am here simply to defend my honour."

But Sir Edward Carson, the Archdeacon's counsel, was not so circumspect. He alleged conspiracy. And it was this startling accusation which brought drama into the quiet courtroom on Downing Street and lent to the trial its high pitch of excitement.

How had this case arisen in the first place, he asked? Was it brought as a result of a public scandal in the city of Peterborough?

Apparently not. The origin was at once curious and more sinister than that. There were some rumours. It is true. They came to the ears of Mrs Wakeford's brother, also a cleric, the Rev. Herbert Worthington. He paid a visit to the Bull, then went off to consult a fellow-cleric, the Rev. C. T. Moore. On his advice he went to the Bishop.

A curious action for a brother-in-law? Carson clearly thought so. With a wealth of sarcasm he questioned Worthington. "You were only an ordinary Christian, a friendly clergyman?"

"I would not put it as high as that," came the revealing answer to the accompaniment of titters from the public.

Carson pounced. He was a merciless cross-examiner.

"Do you know that Mr Moore was very hostile to Archdeacon Wakeford?"

"No," replied Mr Worthington.

"Do you not? Do you not, now? Do you remember when Moore was charged with staying in an immoral house?"

This lightning thrust went home.

"Yes, I remember."

"You know it was Wakeford who had sent those papers to the Bishop?"

"Yes, I know."

"Did you hear that Moore and Wakeford had a controversy about a church which stood upon some property of Moore's?"

"Yes, I heard."

"Then you do know, don't you, that Moore was on unfriendly terms with your brother-in-law?"

"Yes," Worthington, cornered, had admitted the truth. Carson, relentless, pursued his quarry.

"Did you tell your sister there were grave rumours about the Archdeacon's morals?"

"I did."

"Did you advise her to leave him?"

"I did."

"Was it Moore who gave you the statements of the hotel people?"

"I was."

"Did Moore send a detective to give you a helping hand?"

"Yes."

As a footnote to these revelations, the Archdeacon's wife, who testified that her relations with her husband were ones of affection and trust and that she never complained of his lightness of conduct with a woman, claimed that she was present when Moore had once said, "It's all right, Wakeford. I will get you yet."

UNCLERICAL

This strikingly unclerical conduct put the Archdeacon's position in a new light. Why, after all, if he wished to commit adultery, should he choose to advertise his presence in a well-known hotel in a cathedral city to his own? Why should he proclaim himself with his adulterous in fact canonical? And on Good Friday?

And who was the girl anyway? She was never produced. She never came forward. Where did the Archdeacon pick her up?

But there remained the evidence against him. Whatever the motives of the two clergymen who had levelled the charge against the Archdeacon, only wholesale bribery could have produced such a wealth of evidence, highly circumstantial, fully corroborated, all pointing the same way.

So the Archdeacon's guilt was found. So his career was dashed. After seven days, during which public interest grew to feverish heights, the Privy Council delivered their judgment: ruin.



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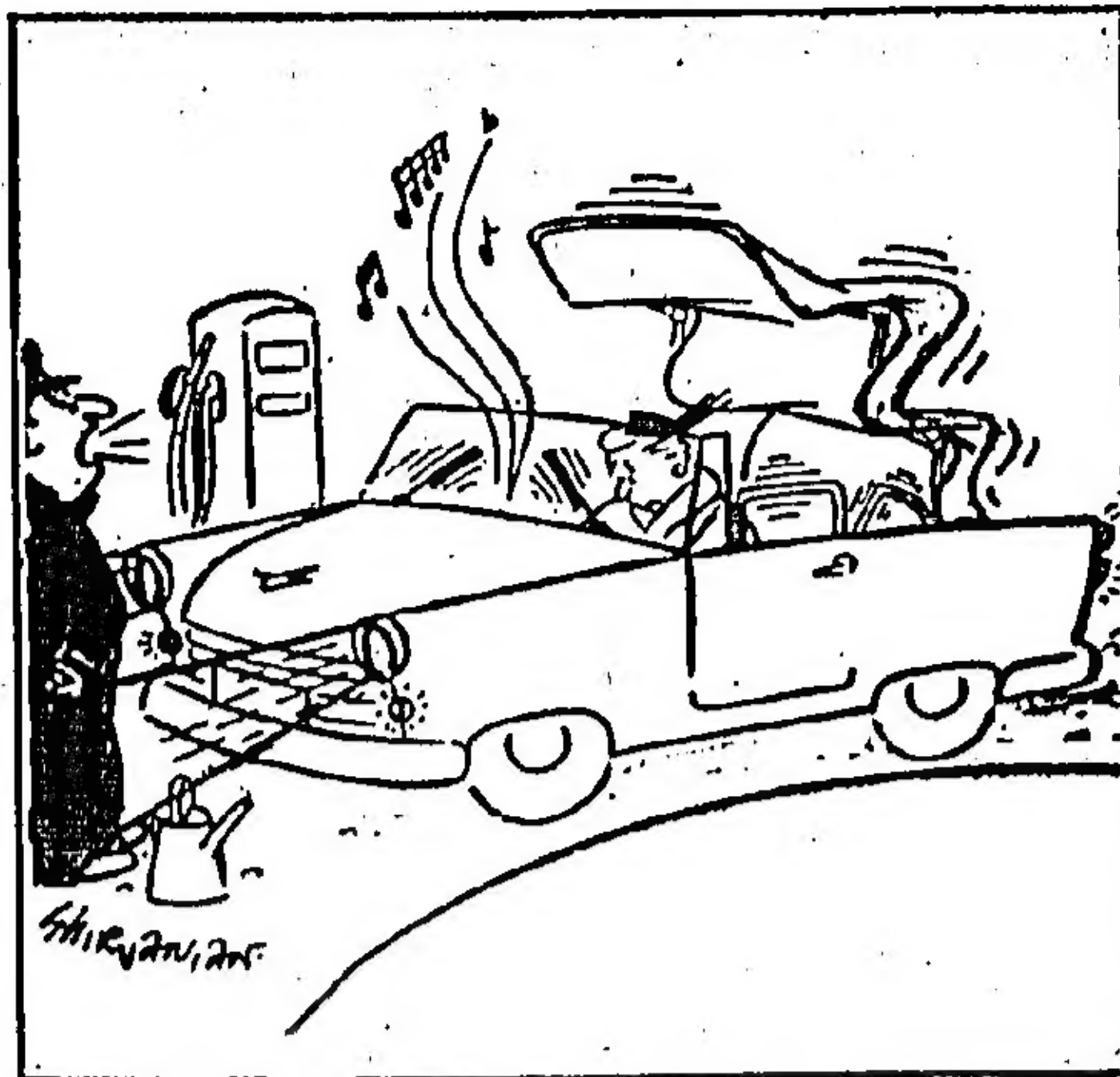
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This Funny World



"The hood, ma'am—press the button marked 'hood!'"

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

AN observer of the social scene wants to know why every girl whose photograph appears in the papers is called "beautiful."

I imagine there would be trouble if the caption said: "hideous daughter of..." "Ugly — who," etc., etc. Some people say that it is the idiotic clothes that make the publicised girls look so ugly. Others say it is the mask of make-up, sham eyebrows, powdered eyelashes, and so on. I agree with both schools of thought. But I have a sneaking suspicion that most of them are ugly, anyhow, without any aid.

Cheering himself up

WHEN Captain Foulmough is feeling depressed he has a neat trick for restoring his self-confidence. Choosing a very expensive car parked outside a very expensive shop, he opens the door of the car on the street side, gets in, gets out at the door on the kerb side, turns to the dumbfounded chauffeur, says, "Wait here, Horsecroft," and saunters away along the street, whistling a gay air.

Fun at Lincoln

IF the pink horse Dunbarlo runs in the Lincoln, there will be sore hearts among the spectators. Those who are accustomed to being followed by pink horses will find the pink horse Dunbarlo again. And the well-worn excuse of a jockey who loses—"I thought there was a pink horse behind me"—will fail to mollify either trainer or owner.

No wonder

WHEN Dawn Kedgeeew flew in from Paris, an elephant was brought into the passenger hall to greet her. "It's a new angle," said her publicity man. "Dawn has been on location in Lapland for her new musical film about Beethoven, and we

thought that this elephant stunt would be a good way to draw attention to the film."

Miss Slopcorner's pledge

ON her first visit to Torrington yesterday, Miss Slopcorner met a deputation of housewives who wanted to know what was going to be done about thicker dustbin lids. Miss Slopcorner said, "I am returned, I can assure you that the dustbin-lids of Torrington will have no stauncher supporter than me. Such questions, though they may seem of secondary importance in the atomic age, are the daily problem of millions of ordinary, decent people. If, as has been said, the dustbin is the nation's receptacle for rubbish, its lid is its crowning glory." The candidate was then photographed standing beside a condemned dustbin-lid belonging to Mrs Gertrude Mulcimer, of 16, Bycroft Way. In the evening a Youth Orchestra played ping-pong-walls numbers on dustbin lids outside the Independent National - Unionist - Liberal Labour-Tory Headquarters in Smothall Street.

TARGET

S	I	R
A	G	E
R	T	R

HOW many letters of more can you make from the letters in the square on the left? In making each word, the letters in the square may be used once only, each letter must contain the large letter in the centre square, and there must be at least one nine-letter word in the list. No plurals; no foreign words. **TODAY'S TARGET:** 15 words, good; 21 words, very good; 24 words, excellent. Let us start tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: Spots enter smile and faint twice then forget this one. The first three letters of the word "smile" are "s", "m", and "i". The first three letters of the word "faint" are "f", "a", and "i". The first three letters of the word "forget" are "f", "o", and "r". The first three letters of the word "this" are "t", "h", and "i". The first three letters of the word "one" are "o", "n", and "e".

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

BORN today you are a natural leader and know how to handle people, getting them to do your bidding without actually giving them orders. You have an exceptional memory and this makes it possible for you to retain great quantities of information. You have a mind for detail and are accurate in your judgments. You expect all who work with you to be equally accurate and are inclined to be rather impatient with those who cannot measure up.

You have a feeling for the arts, especially writing in any of its forms, although you may lean more to the poetic expression than to words of any other. If you should follow a career in the arts rather than one in business or finance, you will find that you become a leader in the realm of ideas. History, philosophy and music are other areas of expression in which you have talent and you might combine more than one endeavour during your lifetime.

You have a deep sense of loyalty, and once you have admitted some-

one into your small circle of intimates, it is for life. Although you make friends easily, most of them will remain on the casual level. You enjoy those who have similar cultural interests and select your close associates with care while not appearing in the slightest degree to be choosy.

In selecting a marriage partner, be sure to find someone with similar intellectual tastes. Any other attraction would be a temporary infatuation and might not be a lasting one.

Among those born on this date were: Arthur, landscape artist; William, Lecky, author; William T. Smedley, painter; Robert Frost, and Alfred E. Housman, poets; Thomas Sherwin, educator; John H. Thomas, composer; Conde Nast, publisher; and Edward Bellamy, author.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Limit all risks, especially anything which might become a financial hazard. Size up people and situations slowly.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Not a day to enter any hazardous negotiations. Be sure of your facts before you venture anything.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Look before you leap on this day! Careful thought, rather than impulse, should be your guide!

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Be careful not to get into even a minor dispute with anyone. It could turn into a serious argument.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Guard your health, keep your temper and stay calm, no matter what happens if you do, nothing bad will happen.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—An undercurrent of adverse trends, but if you get over out of the chaos of your everyday work, all moves smoothly.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—If you have your hand on the controls today, you don't need to worry. Everything moves smoothly for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—An explosive day, so think before you act and look before you leap. A few moments' hesitation can save trouble.

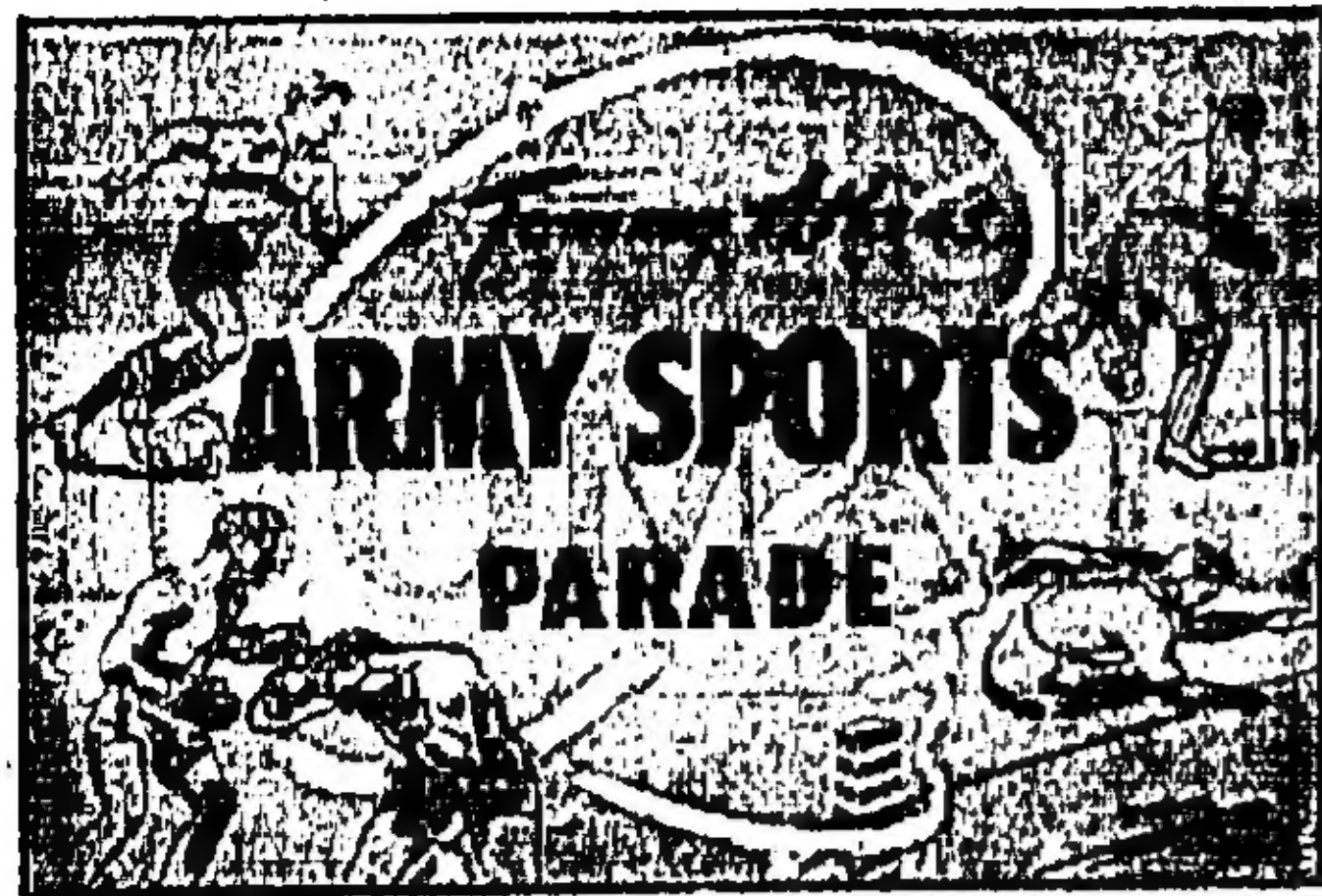
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Definitely avoid any risk-taking. Go down well-trodden paths and don't stir up opposition with your co-workers.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—There are adverse aspects, but if you put forth your best efforts and make careful decisions, you can avert difficulty.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—This should be a fairly easy day if you use the advances begun yesterday. Keep cool, hold your temper.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—There is a disturbing element in your environment and you will need to reconcile if you are to work peacefully.

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By LEONARD BARDEN
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The Spotlight this week goes to the winner of the Army Small Unit Cricket League, District Workshops REME, and it is fitting that the smallest of the small units should take this honour in what has been a successful if protracted competition.

Almost throughout the tournament the position has been very open, first one unit and then another reached the top only to be toppled from the pedestal, and the winner was only known after practically the last game in the fixture list, a very satisfactory way to end this popular feature which it is hoped will be repeated next year.

This excellent sporting unit, soon to be swallowed by larger sister Command Workshops, have a further iron in the fire as they are finalists in the minor unit knockout competition, and meet to decide who shall have this trophy next Friday at the Army ground, Sookunpo, the HQ Company 1st Green. The match will be an all day match and with a very unbalanced eleven I am going to tip them to win. If for no other reason than the fact that they have entered every branch of sport it has been possible to raise a side for, and have built up a reputation for sportsmanship second to none. Good luck, Workshops.

Congratulations too to 1/E Lan for winning the inter-services major unit competition with a sound four-wicket victory over 1/RTT in a match that was brim full of interest from the first ball.

Well Received

At the RAMC Athletic Sports recently they introduced a new feature which will bear repetition on many similar occasions.

During the running of the Three Miles event, Warrant Officer Instructor Sidney Cole gave a demonstration of the finer points of three field events, the Hammer, Discus, and Pole Vault, and during the demonstration the DOPF Major George Hoddinott, gave a running commentary emphasizing the correct methods of tackling these specialist events.

This innovation was very well received, but I consider it should have a spot of its own in any programme and not have to compete with another event for attention. Needless to say in this instance this fine athlete quite easily gave a specialist display of his own, especially the two of the existing Colony records, and short of an accident, he will at this season's Championships most certainly put up the marks in two or three events which will, if I am any judge, stand for some time to come.

Two Open Events

It is good to see the Boundary Street running track being fully used once more and next Wednesday, April 2, the Hongkong Signal Regt. are holding their Annual meeting and have two open events for which they hope to receive many entries.

The first of these is the 800 Yards, and at the moment they have had promises from Sgt Len Barnes REME and the RAF's Goddard to compete, and these two stylish runners could quite easily put up a new record as I know both have been training hard. While this pair should feature in the front at the final run-in, there are many other competitors and a telephone call to the Unit Athletics Officer will ensure your entry into what could well be a record-breaking race. The Unit would also welcome entries for the open Hammer Throw, which will produce at least one star thrower in SMI Coleman and I shall be most surprised if the Army and Colony record for this event is not bettered. Ground bookings this week are, today REME, Saturday 6 COD, and Tuesday Command Pay Office.

Caldbeck Cup

The Caldbeck Cup produced as usual its quota of surprises, for with only two matches played the final result of both went rather against expectation. The "giant-killers" 6 COD, displacing the common trend of combining units into a Corps side, went up to 1/E Lan and with their small unit team playing well above themselves, they returned with a very creditable draw, sharing a brace of goals.

They will be the first to admit that the Engineers had all the unlucky breaks. Losing a player midway through the game, and the Engineers were ahead by a lone goal obtained via a penalty award and they led until late in the game when COD newcomer Moloney headed a nice cross into the net to give them a chance to level again.

The fabled 1/Green Howards came a cropper against a far from brilliant Combined

WORLD CUP PARTY FOR SWEDEN

FA Sensible To Give Players Choice Of Air Or Sea Travel

By TOM FINNEY

Amid the excitement of this vitally important week of the Soccer season, which culminated on Saturday, March 22 in two of the most fascinating Cup semi-finals in history, I wonder if you have missed a significant but little-publicised statement from the Football Association.

It revealed that all players selected for England's World Cup party for Sweden are to be asked: How would you like to travel? Air or sea—the choice is yours.

It's an admirable gesture on the part of an organisation which, because of the difficulties involved in conveying a large party of people across a continent, could easily be dogmatic.

If I am chosen, I can say now that I will fly.

Only a few weeks ago, just after the Munich tragedy, I wrote in this column: "We can't put the clock back." Of course

we should continue to travel by air.

Since then, however, I have been amazed at the tremendous impact this Manchester United crash has made on many of my

friends—people I thought would never have given a plane flight a second consideration.

Only the other week, while chatting with Bert Trautmann, I heard that three Manchester City men have turned down the chance of going on the club's close-season trip to America simply because they cannot go by sea.

Naturally I won't reveal their names. But all three players have a reputation for courage and fearlessness on the field.

It is just that they are adamant on this one subject. THEY WILL NOT FLY.

The Future

I'm delighted, therefore, that the FA has publicly shown that it appreciates this point of view, regardless of how much they might disagree with the people who hold it.

In the course of England tours of the future—to South America, for instance—these views could cause insurmountable problems.

On one of our tours, for example, we may have to travel from Rio to Bel Horizonte, and the only way we could keep our engagement would be to go by air.

But, in the meantime, we should applaud the FA's commonsense decision. They are an organisation all too often—and in many cases quite unjustly—accused of being too dogmatic.

From Leyton Orient—that ever-friendly club down in London's East End—comes news that Alec Stock has been re-instated as manager for the third time in nine years.

Hard on the heels of his appointment comes a statement, from Mr Stock himself, which has set players and officials talking all over England.

For he swiftly announced: "Most of my time is going to be spent out on the field in a track-suit—supervising coaching and training."

No doubt Alec picked up this essentially Continental approach to soccer management during his period as manager of Roma FC in Italy.

Quick Adulation

His idea has received quick adulation from all those people who seem to be under the impression that English football has little left to offer the world.

But, frankly, I'm old-fashioned about this subject.

Certainly there is little to be said against having the boss out on the pitch demonstrating what he wants. But don't run away with the idea that it is a necessity.

In my view a manager can be almost chairborne seven days a week providing he can (1) instil and maintain firm discipline and (2) command the complete respect of his staff.

Take men like Stan Cullis, of Wolves, Reading's Harry Johnston, Bolton's Bill Ridding, and our own boss at Preston, Cliff Britton.

These men are all disciplinarians. They can also command respect without lifting a finger—sheerly from the huge reputations they built up as players. And it would still be this way with these men if they were running a football club from a bath chair.

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Cherokee Indian Beats Dick Richardson On A Disqualification

London, Mar. 25.

Dick Richardson, of Wales, one of Britain's leading heavyweights, was disqualified at the Empress Hall here tonight in his international bout with Cleveland Williams of the United States.

The referee stopped the contest in the fourth round owing to Richardson's "persistent butting." The fight had been scheduled for ten rounds.

Twenty-two-year-old Williams, a Cherokee Indian from Texas, was ahead on points when referee Frank Wilson disqualified Richardson after two minutes of the fourth round.

The American, who has only lost two fights in his career and is among America's ranked heavyweights, showed in the opening round that he was a man to be feared. He took the opening round easily with a barrage of lefts to Richardson's head and in the closing seconds sent him reeling with a beautiful right to the jaw which travelled only inches.

Best Weapon

Richardson, whose best weapon was his left, came back splendidly in the second round, and, unleashing a furious attack, forced Williams to the ropes and really shook him. This was Richardson's round.

In the third round the referee, who had spoken to Richardson for using his head in the opening round, stopped the fight and told him that he

English Open Table Tennis Championships

London, Mar. 25.

Pakistan table tennis player G. Zaidi tonight fought his way into the third round of the men's singles of the English Open Table Tennis Championships, which opened in London today.

In the first round Zaidi beat B. Meisel of Britain by 20-22, 13-21, 21-18, 23-21, 21-18. Two sets down at the beginning of his first round match, Zaidi was in the usual delicate position at the beginning of his second round match against N.R. Isbell of Britain.

But again he rallied well and finally won out by 12-21, 15-21, 21-15, 21-17, 21-11.—France Press.

Zorko Dolinar (Yugoslavia), playing with the sponge bat with which he won the men's title in 1955, was beaten in the first round of the English Open Table Tennis Championships here tonight.

He went down to Bobby Ray-bould, 22-year-old English player, 21-14, 18-21, 21-18, 12-21, 21-19.

Dolinar, who had not realised he was due to play today and did not arrive in London until late tonight, at first refused to play. But he was told by officials to play or scratch.

Second major surprise was the defeat of the seeded Bjorne Melstrom (Sweden). He was beaten 21-14, 17-21, 21-18, 18-21, 21-10 by Josef Somogyi, a Hungarian scudger who plays for the English county team, Surrey.—Reuter.

HUNGARY WINS

Birmingham, Mar. 25.

Hungary beat England 5-3 in an international table tennis match here tonight.—Reuter.

GRAND NATIONAL

Probable Starters And Jockeys

London, Mar. 25.

Thirty-five probable runners and jockeys for the Grand National Steeplechase, to be run over four miles and 856 yards at Liverpool on Saturday, March 29, are:

ESB (D.V. Dick), Sam Brumpton (T. Taffey), Goo-lander (T. Molony), Wise Child (S. Hayhurst), Glorious Twelfth (B. Wilkinson), Wyndburgh (M. Batchelor), Colledge Master (W. Rees).

Longmead (G.W. Robinson), Holly Bank (P. Brookshaw), Ace of Trumps (P.A. Farrell), Athenian (D. Anell), Harri Royal (P. Pickford), Sentinel (P. Taffey), Bermondsey (A. Rods).

Green Drill (G. Milburn), Sydney Jones (M. Toff), Valiant Spark (M. Scudamore), Tibertina (G. Slack), Top Twenty (P. Short), Rendezvous (J.A. Bullock), Brookling (J. Gale), Springsilver (P. Winter), Pipsykin (T. Brookshaw), Never Say When (S. Mellor), Belrobin (J. Leanne), Princess Garter (W. Roberts), Must (R. Morrow), Southerntown (P. Cowley).

Eagle Lodge (A. Oughton), The Crofter (J. Power), Comogans Folly (D. Scott), Frozen Credit (P. Ransom), Moston Lane (R. E. Jenkins), Richardson (J. Morrissey), Mr. West (A. Freeman), Breconshire, Top Twenty and Belrobin are doubtful runners.

LINCOLNSHIRE

The final callover on the first leg of the "Spring Double," the Lincolnshire Handicap to be run tomorrow, was held at the Victoria Club here tonight.

Prices were: 100-9 Nicholas Nickleby, 100-8 Copenhagen, Diplomatic Bag and Sagebrush, 18-1 Chief Barker.

20-1 Venus Slipper, Abbot's Bench and Magic Moment, 22-1 Colours.

23-1 Dalton, Langton Heath, Master Nicky and Babour, 28-1 Grand Relief.

33-1 Persuader, River Line, Stafford and Who You, 40-1 Just Verdict, Lord Barker, Melody Fair, Naval Fleet, Opera House, Whirlwind and Reelin, 50-1 Corinthian, Jackie Kuda, Cleveland, Jomabel, High Tide and Red King.

66-1 Goy Trio, Curious Peter, Regal Rock, Norway, 100-1 North Light and Liza Gobbins.

In a quiet final callover, Nicholas Nickleby remained favourite at 100 to 8, followed by Copenhagen, Diplomatic Bag and Sagebrush at 100 to 8.

Babour, last year's winner, was best backed in what betting there was, and came in from 25 to 1 to 25 to 1. There was also some money for Abbot's Bench at 20 to 1, Copenhagen, Diplomatic Bag and the favourite.

Magic Moment made firm headway, advancing five points to 20 to 1, but the Irish hope, Venus Slipper, went out in the betting from 100 to 8 to 20 to 1.—Reuter.

Proposal To Increase Jockeys' Fees Withdrawn

Johannesburg, Mar. 25.

A proposal to increase jockeys' fees was withdrawn at the annual meeting of the South African Jockey Club.

The proposal that jockeys should get 27 sterling instead of 25 for a winning ride, 25 for a place and 23 for riding an unplaced horse, met with spirited opposition from representatives of owners, trainers and racing clubs.

The club deferred a decision on a move that weights in handicaps should be raised, the proposer urged a minimum top weight of 12 stone 7 lbs. or the raising of the bottom weight to 7 stone 7 lbs.—because South Africans are bigger on average than people of other nations.—China Mail Special.

SEVEN-A-SIDE BLARNEY STONE CHARITY RUGBY COMMENCES TONIGHT

By "PAK LO"

This evening at 5.20 p.m. the First Round of the Blarney Stone Seven-a-Side Charity Tournament will begin on the Club ground, and each game in this round will start at intervals of 20 minutes from the previous one. As the name of this Tournament implies, the money which is received from it goes to some deserving charity which is designated by the HKFC at the end of the Tournament.

It is, as usual with Sevens, extremely difficult if not almost impossible to pick out the probable winners for time and again some Seven which has not even been considered makes its way through the rounds hammering champions and tying alike, until it reaches the semi-finals.

Once the semi-finals have been reached it is usually by then fairly obvious which Seven should win, for by then all have played and their capabilities have been judged. The only unusual name in the midst of all the "A's," "B's" and "C's" from the major teams is the Seven called the Blarney Stones. The members of this Seven have been training extremely hard but their knowledge of rugby is limited and their knowledge of Sevens even less than their knowledge of rugby, but, and it is a big but, they are fit.

The Seven includes some of the Colony's foremost sprinters and it is on speed that they will rely. In the bottom half of the table Club "A" would seem to have a straight easy run through to the semi-finals for the other strong Sevens are in the upper half of the draw.

Extra Time

The duration of all these matches except the Final is seven minutes each way with an interval of one minute, and if extra time is needed it is played immediately. Three minutes each way with no interval until one or other of the Sevens scores the winning point is the regulation.

Substitution is allowed by the eighth man and no other up to and including the semi-final, but does not of course mean that if a man is injured half way through a game the eighth man may take his place.

There will as usual be an official timekeeper who will ring his bell at the end of seven minutes. He does not get too interested in the match in progress, but this is not the end of the game, which will be signalled by the referee in the usual manner.

Final teams must be present at least fifteen minutes before the advertised time of their match. Failure to take the field at the correct time will mean a walkover for their opponents. Each Seven must bring their own touch judge, and not as is often the case rely on someone being there to do the necessary for them.

The Schedules

Tonight's schedule is as follows: 5.20 p.m.: Green Howards "B" v Club "C". 5.40 p.m.: Police "B" v HMS Crane. 6.00 p.m.: Club "D" v HMS Modeste "A". 6.20 p.m.: 24th Field Engineers v Medics. 6.40 p.m.: Police "A" v HMS Cardigan Bay.

CLYDE WALCOTT ANNOUNCES HIS RETIREMENT

Georgetown, Mar. 25.

Famed Barbados-born West Indies Test cricketer Clyde Walcott announced today that he was retiring from world cricket because of frequent recurrence of a back injury.

Walcott said he would play his final international game in the fifth Pakistan-West Indies Test match, which starts tomorrow in Trinidad.—France Press.

Hongkong FA Soccer Fixtures For April 2-6

The following Hongkong Football Association matches have been arranged for the period April 2-6:

April 2

Governor's Cup—1st match. HKFA v CAA. 7.30 p.m. Ref. H.K. Stadium, 8.30 p.m. Ref. Mak Yung-fai; Lines: K. W. Dally and R. Marsden-White. (Duration of match 90 minutes. No extra time.)

April 5

2nd Div. REME v. Carroll's Hill Club, 5 p.m. Ref. B. W. Middleton; Lines: Digby Lee and George Jor. Navy v. C & W, Navy, 5 p.m. Ref. Wong King-chung; Lines: Luk Tai-sun and Lee Tak-see. RAF Sol Wing v. St Joseph's, H.V., 5 p.m. Ref. W. H. Lau; Lines: Liu Ting-ki and Li Ping-ping. Gymnastic v. Prisons, H.V., 5 p.m. Ref. P. Manson; Lines: F. A. Barretto and J. W. Lambden. Taihook v. Telephone, H.V., 5 p.m. Ref. F. R. Pratt; Lines: V. A. Wilson and C. E. Whitmore.

3rd Div.

CMB v. Happy Valley Club, 3.30 p.m. Ref. Ng Yue-wai; Lines: A. D. Morse and J. B. Hoigh. Rediffusion v. S & S Tamar, Navy, 3.30 p.m. Ref. Tang Nai-bun; Lines: Hau Sik-wai and Chu Kam-shing. Dodwell v. RIL, H.V., 3.30 p.m. Ref. Li Sook-on; Lines: Leung Sun and Cheung Hing-choi. University v. Mercantile, H.V., 3.30 p.m. Ref. Ng Chun-wing; Lines: Yu Loong-kin and Wong Kam-fai. CAT v. Wayfoong PSA, H.V., 3.30 p.m. Ref. Han Hin-tang; Lines: Yau Wah-hing and Lau Kim-ming.

April 6

2nd Div. South China v. RAMC, Caroline Hill, 5 p.m. Ref. W. S. Campbell; Lines: Chan Hing-choi and Cheung Yung-ling. Tramways v. Aircraft, H.V., 5 p.m. Ref. R. Morrison; Lines: J. Moore and C. Breton. 3rd Div. Watsons v. South China, Caroline Hill, 3.30 p.m. Ref. To Hon-ki; Lines: Chu Che-shing and Choy Wing-chuen. Kin. Godown v. AES, H.V., 3.30 p.m. Ref. Wong Wah-kyi; Lines: B. E. Leaton and Cheung Tung-tun.

Owing to the Easter Holidays all Referees and Linesmen are requested to return their Acceptance Cards to reach the Association not later than 12.00 noon, Wednesday, April 2.

Meeting

A meeting of the Management Committee will be held at the Association's office on Thursday, March 27 at 5.45 p.m. to select the HKFA team against the CAA in the first game of the Governor's Cup Competition.

THE GAMBOLS



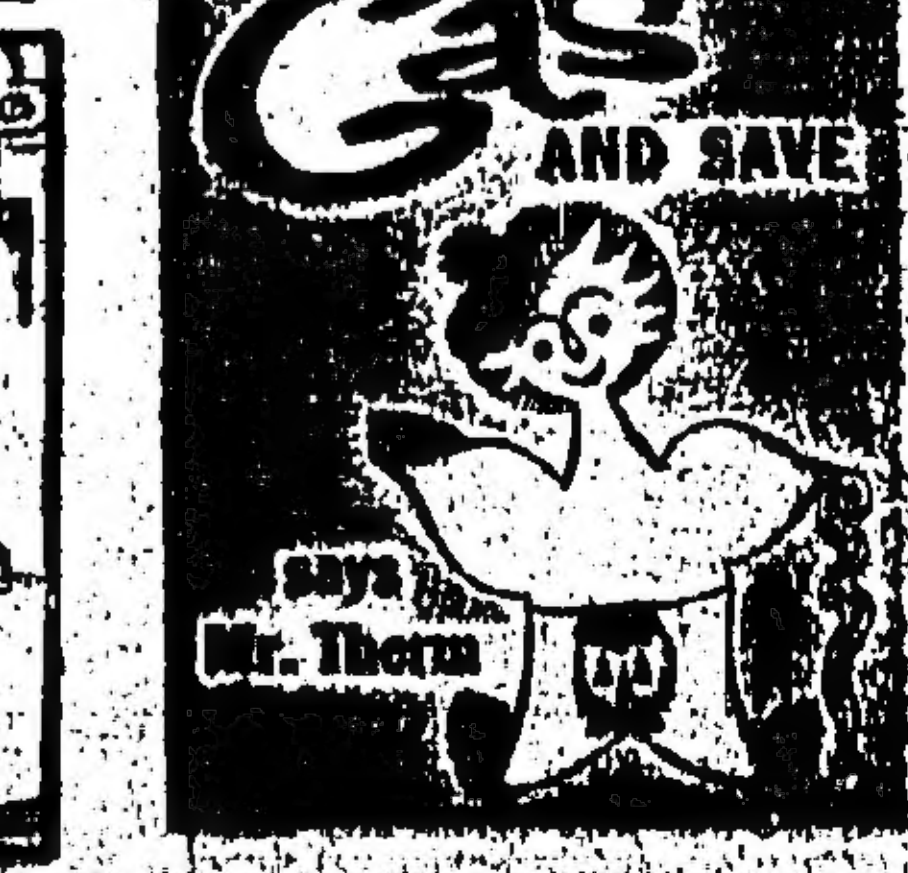
By Barry Appal



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USE CAS AND SAVE



Polish Athlete Will Compete For Australia

Sydney, Mar. 25. The Polish athlete, Anna Pazera, will compete for Australia at the Empire Games at Cardiff in July.

She was declared eligible today by the British Empire Games Committee.

Anna arrived in Australia with the Polish Olympic team in 1956, but did not compete at the Melbourne Games. Later she married a Pole who was a naturalised Australian.

Anna had her naturalisation papers hurried through to allow her to win the Australian women's javelin title at the Sports Ground on Thursday.

The Australian Empire Games Association secretary, Mr Jim Eve, immediately cabled England, requesting a ruling on her residential qualifications, and the reply received today approved them.

"Anna is a naturalised subject and has been resident long enough in Australia to gain recognition," Mr Eve said.—China Mail Special.

Sports Diary

TODAY

— Golf: Presentation of Prizes at Deep Water Bay Clubhouse.
— Athletics: Menden Road School Sports. Transit Camp, Chatham Road, 2.15 p.m.

— Soccer: Asian Games Trial Match: Hong Kong Probables v Hongkong Possibles. Boundary Street, 6 p.m.

— Tennis: Open Championships: Singles Matches at HKCC, 5.30 p.m.
TOMORROW
— Tennis: Open Championships: Singles Matches at HKCC, 5.30 p.m.
— Inter-College (Northcote-Grantham) annual sports meeting, Caroline Hill, 1.45 p.m.

"HUMAN DYNAMO" HAS RUN DOWN AT LAST

Have We Really Seen The Last Of Emil Zatopek?

Asks DEREK JOHN

London.

So the world's most famous "human dynamo" has run down at last. At the age of 35, Emil Zatopek, the foot-footed colonel of the Czechoslovakian Army, has announced his retirement from athletics.

But have we really seen the last of this almost superhuman runner, who drilled his body to take terrific punishment and developed reserves of strength and speed denied to all his rivals over long distances?

Zatopek has announced his retirement before. But he could not stay away from the track for long. Will he be able to resist the temptation to run in the European Championship Marathon at Stockholm in August?

At 35, however, there can be little doubt that he is past his prime. And the time has come when he must be regarded as a great runner of the past rather than the present.

How great a runner was Emil Zatopek? I would rate him the greatest distance runner of this century, though many experts would doubtless give this honour to Paulo Johannes Nurmi, the Flying Finn, who won nine Olympic gold medals between 1920 and 1928 and became a legend in his own life-time.

Nurmi or Zatopek? It is a difficult choice. Nurmi broke 10 world records in eleven years' racing. Zatopek set up 10 world records in the 17 eventful years of his athletic career.

But while Nurmi's records have since been broken, Zatopek still holds five—for the 10 and 15 Miles, 20,000 and 25,000 Metres, and for one hour's running (12 miles 810 yards).

World Records

Records, of course, are not everything. Nurmi achieved world records over distances ranging from a mile to 20,000 metres, and his performances were so amazing at the time that they opened the eyes of coaches and athletes all over the world to possibilities which had hitherto been unthought of.

His record as an Olympic runner is second to none. And when he set up a world record of 4 mins. 10.4 secs. for the Mile in 1923, he chopped 2.2 secs. off a time which many thought

would never be bettered—the record set up in 1915 by the American N.S. Taber.

Zatopek revolutionised distance running in a different way. He pioneered really tough and intensive training which, until then, had been considered damaging to an athlete.

Zatopek turned himself into the world's greatest long-distance runner without any expert coaching. He did it by sheer guts and determination.

As a young soldier, he spent all his spare time running many miles every day over hilly country-side—often in hobnail boots and with a pack on his back. He became a barrack-room joke.

Curious Style

They used to laugh at this "Mad Czech" with the curious running style. But now the runner, who rolls his head as if in agony and flogs himself on with his right arm, is cheered wherever he goes.

His greatest performance? I would say it was his incredible hat-trick of gold medals at the 1952 Olympics.

No one believed that one runner could beat the best athletes of the world over 5,000 Metres, 10,000 Metres, and the Marathon. But Zatopek did just that, setting a new Olympic record in each event—and all in one week.

What a man!

Bad news follows bad. The announcement of Zatopek's retirement has been followed by similar news concerning the 33-year-old West Indian batsman, Everton Weekes.

To all who have had the pleasure of watching this entertaining Test cricketer, his retirement comes as a very sad blow indeed. The Everton Weekes of this cricket age are all too rare, for here is a batsman who has the strokes and is not afraid to play them.

Seldom can a man have been more aptly named than Everton De Courcy Weekes, the swash-buckling cavalier whose blade was not of steel but of willow.

Leading Scorer

Runs flowed, or rather torrented, from his bat. He is the West Indies' leading scorer in Test cricket, followed by Clyde Walcott and Frank Worrell, with whom he formed the immortal "W" formation, one of the greatest batting trios of all time.

The name of Everton Weekes appears often in the cricket record books: he is the only player ever to hit five consecutive Test centuries. But records alone do not tell his story.

Weekes has won a place in the heart of all cricket lovers. One of his finest innings did not even produce a century. It was the 90 he hit at Lord's last year during the West Indies'

tour—a tour in which Weekes was not at his brilliant best owing to a virus infection which affected his vision.

An inept first innings batting display saw West Indies shot out for 127; then England replied with 424. West Indies' hopes, especially when they lost three quick second innings wickets, seemed to be shattered.

But Weekes was not finished. On a hostile wicket, and against an England attack of Trueman, Statham and Bailey, he slammed 42 in his first hour at the wicket and, despite a painful blow on the hand, went on to score 90 scintillating runs.

Weekes, who is to retire from Test cricket at the end of the current season, will be sadly missed in these days of cautious cricket.

(—London Express Service.)
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ASIAN GAMES

Pakistan-India To Meet In Hockey Final?

Karachi, Mar. 25.

The Pakistani field hockey team, to represent this country in the Asian Games to be held in Tokyo in May, left Karachi today by air for Auckland on a six-week tour of New Zealand.

The Pakistanis will play three "Test matches" against the New Zealand hockey team. After this tour the Pakistan hockey team will go straight to Tokyo, where they are due to arrive on May 14.

There have been five changes in the Pakistani team which lost to India in the 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games. The Pakistan Hockey Federation Secretary, Mr. Riazuddin, told an Agency France-Press correspondent today that he expected India and Pakistan to meet in the Asian Games final.

"Judging from our past encounters with India in the Olympics, Pakistan has slightly better chances of winning," he added.

Asked about the standard of hockey in Japan, he said it was "fairly good".

Besides India and Pakistan, Japan, Malaya, Ceylon and Afghanistan are among the countries expected to take part in the Asian Games hockey tournament.—France-Press.

Nominate YOUR Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be accepted until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

- (1) Footballing prowess.
- (2) Sportsmanship on the field of play.

Nominations should be addressed to the Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street.

To the Editor, China Mail,
My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into account his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is:

of the Club.

(Signed)

No Weight Trouble For Robinson

Chicago, Mar. 25. Challenger "Sugar Ray" Robinson was four ounces inside the 11 stone 6 pounds limit at the weigh-in today for his title fight here tonight against Champion Carmen Basilio.

Wearing only socks, Robinson weighed 11 stone 5½ lbs compared with Basilio's 10 stone 13 pounds.—Reuter.

WALES-FRANCE RUGBY MATCH

Paris, Mar. 25. French star rugby three-quarter Maurice Prat, will be out of the French team to meet Wales in Cardiff on Saturday in the five-nation tournament.

Prat today informed the French Rugby Federation that he could not play because of an injury received in an earlier match.—France-Press.

FA CUP SEMI-FINAL REPLAY Difficult To Assess Chances With Any Degree Of Confidence

London, Mar. 25. Tomorrow afternoon, at the Arsenal Stadium, Manchester United and Fulham face each other again for the right to meet Bolton Wanderers at Wembley on May 3.

This replay of the FA Cup semi-final has aroused nationwide interest, even more so than is usually the case for a big game. Manchester's great Cup efforts since the Munich air crash have created tremendous enthusiasm: Fulham, with plenty of experience and playing ability in their side, showed themselves worthy rivals in the 2-2 draw at Villa Park on Saturday.

The first game was fought at a fast, exciting pace and was so evenly poised that once again it is difficult to assess the chances with any degree of confidence.

The Big Men

Two of the best goalkeepers in the British Isles, Harry Gregg of Manchester United and Tony Macdonald, Fulham's rising star from Gibraltar, were among the big men at Birmingham and both proved that it needs something exceptional to best them.

At inside left, too, the teams have magnificent players who are closely matched. Johnny Haynes, Fulham's captain, whose passes are models of precision, and Bobby Charlton, Manchester's "trustful" goal-scorer, may well be together in England's World Cup team this summer.

There was good news for Fulham. Their left back, Jim Langley, injured at Villa Park and given little chance of appearing in the replay, passed a severe fitness test. Now, according to his manager, Dugald Livingstone, "he is almost certain to play. I am waiting until the morning before making a definite decision in case there are any reactions."

Today the Fulham players saw a full-length BBC film of the first game in Birmingham. Manchester United also waits until the morning before announcing their line-up. It is expected to be unchanged, but two additional players travelled to London today, Bobby Harrop, who was at left half in the side which knocked out West Bromwich, and Seamus Brennan, who scored two goals on his debut in the 11 against Sheffield Wednesday.

HOME SOCCER RESULTS

London, Mar. 25. Results in tonight's football matches were:

LEAGUE THREE SOUTH

Watford 2, Crystal Palace 1.

LEAGUE THREE NORTH

Hull City 1, Accrington Stanley 0. (Postponed from March 8).—Reuter.

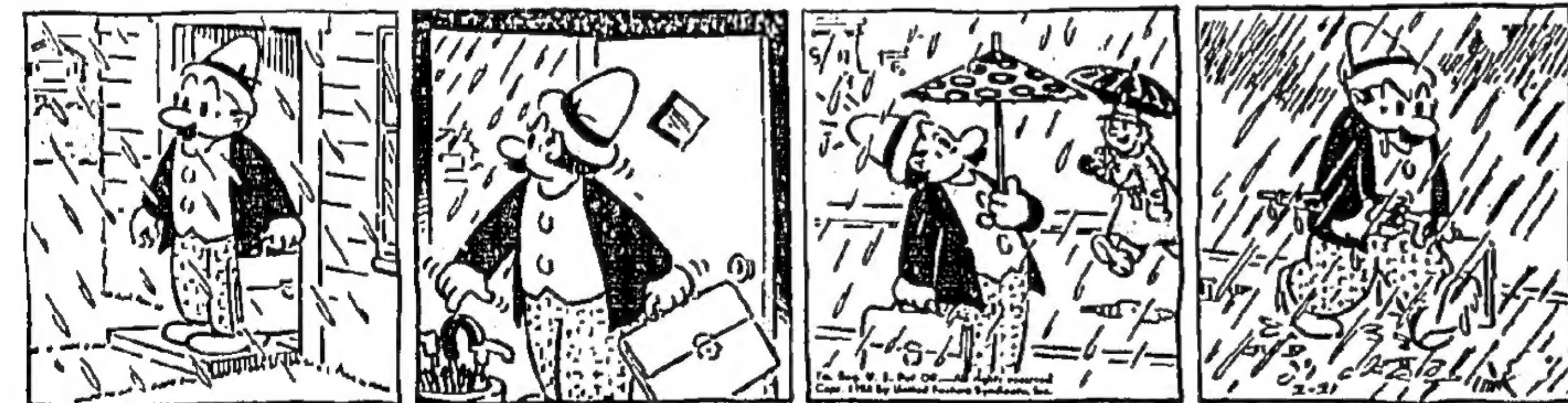
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Barry Cup Draw & Starting Times For Sunday

The 'draw' and starting times for the competition for The Barry Cup (Men's) to be played on Sunday, March 30, 36 holes against bogey, are—

A.M.	P.M.	Player
10.00	2.00	E. W. S. MacGregor and C. L. Hill.
10.05	2.05	R. P. Moodle and A. M. Kennedy.
10.10	2.10	H. R. Cleland and E. G. Smith Wright.
10.15	2.15	O. Turville and E. Beycott.
10.20	2.20	D. Smart and D. W. Skinner.
10.25	2.25	N. P. Fox and R. Firkins.
10.30	2.30	F. de Jong and W. C. Janney.
10.35	2.35	A. S. Hill and K. M. Campbell.
10.40	2.40	N. Gorman and A. B. Henningsen.
10.45	2.45	G. A. Bell and G. T. Harden.
10.50	2.50	L. C. Kemp and J. Robertson.
10.55	2.55	P. W. Coppen and H. Skidby.
11.00	3.00	H. D. Barton and G. C. S. Turner.

Post entries in pairs will be accepted. At the finish of this competition at approximately 8 p.m. the prizes for the various competitions held during the winter season will be presented by Mrs H. D. Barton.

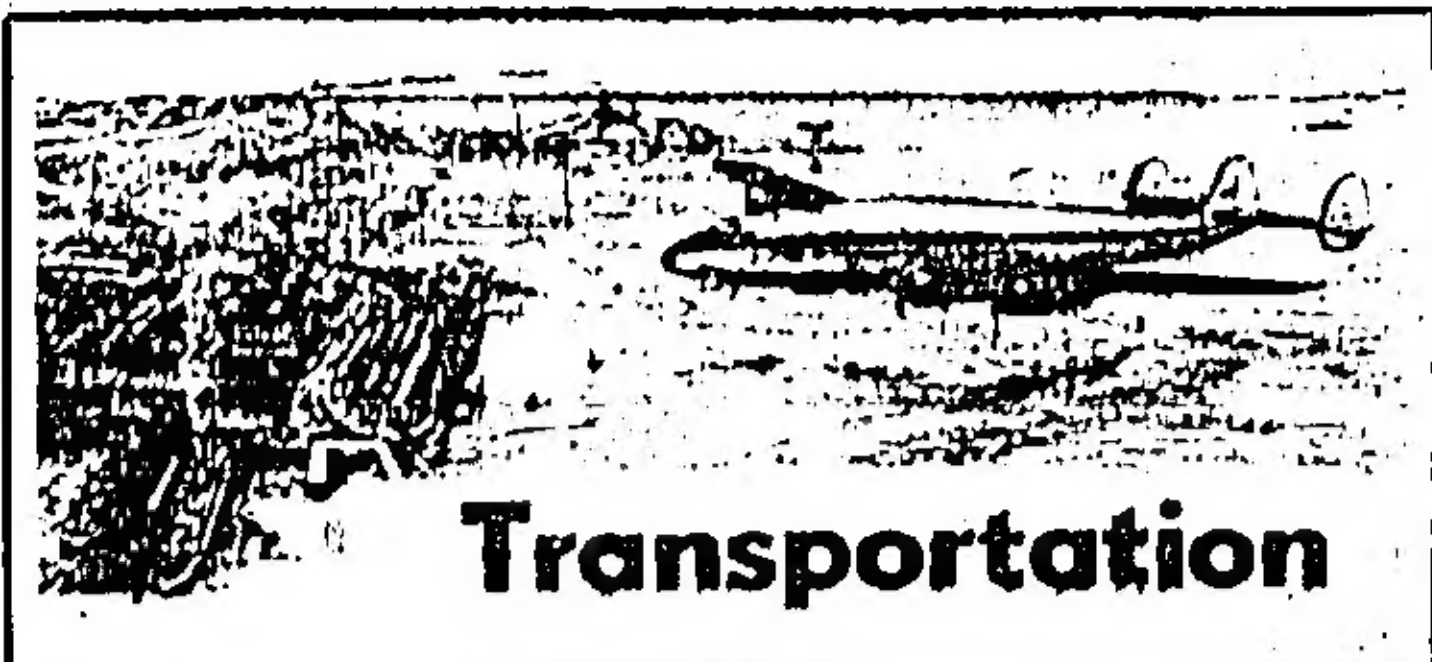
European Cup Floodlit Return Match

Milan, Mar. 25. The Italian football team "A.C. Milan" will meet the "Borussia" club of Dortmund in a floodlit return match at the San Siro stadium here tomorrow night, in a game counting for the quarter-final of the European Cup Championship. In the away match at Dortmund, the two teams drew one all.

The Italian team, 1956-57 national champions, start favourites for tomorrow evening's match, which will decide Manchester United's opponents in the European Cup semi-finals.—France-Press.



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Transportation

NEW TRANS-CANADA
PLAN FOR HK

Vancouver, B.C., Mar. 25. Improved air service from Hongkong for nine major Canadian cities, Lisbon and Madrid, will be offered in the east-west route pattern proposed by Canadian Pacific Airlines in its recent application to the Air Transport Board, it was announced here recently by CPAL President, G. W. G. McConachie.

CPAL's route application was submitted to the Board last November. It is expected that this application will be reviewed at a public hearing, now that the Federal Government policy permits the Board to consider the justification of competitive main-line air service.

Previously, CPAL passengers transferred to a Trans-Canada aircraft at Vancouver. This proposed route will give CPAL a one-carrier service from Hongkong through Eastern Canada, Lisbon and Madrid.

The airline plans to operate five east-west main-line routes, each with daily service. Following are the proposed daily services: (1) Vancouver-Winnipeg-Toronto-Montreal; (2) Vancouver-Calgary-Saskatoon-Ottawa-Montreal; (3) Vancouver-Edmonton-Montreal; (4) Edmonton-Regina-Toronto; (5) Winnipeg-Ottawa-Montreal.

PATTERN

This route pattern is planned to offer new travel opportunities for Canadians and to present a minimum of duplication of existing trans-continental service. CPAL is prepared to assign a fleet of 15 Super-DC-6B Empress airliners to the new domestic service.

As a result for the first time, air travellers will have direct, non-stop service between the following cities: Montreal-Edmonton; Toronto-Regina; Ottawa-Winnipeg; Saskatoon-Ottawa; Edmonton-Regina. The new CPAL service will also introduce the first through service linking Calgary-Saskatoon-Ottawa-Montreal, and the first service linking Vancouver and Saskatoon via Calgary.

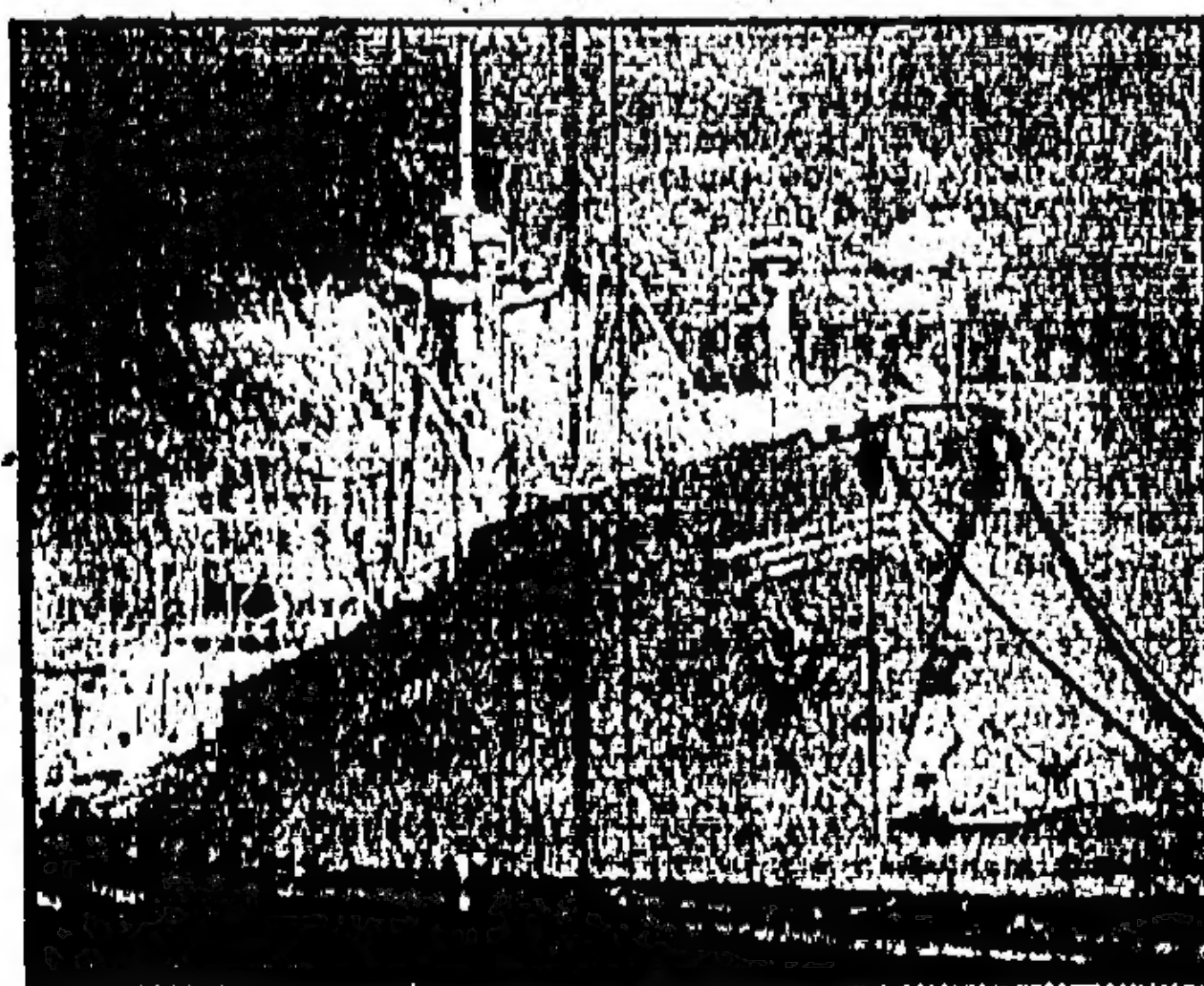
The DC-6B's, offering combined first class and tourist accommodation, carry up to 72 passengers and cruise at 300 miles-an-hour over ranges up to 3,000 miles. Fully loaded, with a full pay-load aboard, a DC-6B weighs 107,000 pounds.

INDIA BUYS SHIPS
FROM JAPAN

New Delhi. Shipping Minister Raj Bahadur told Parliament today the Indian Government planned to buy three ships from Japan under the \$50,000,000 granted by Japan to India.

He said the ships would cost about \$8,400,000.

Bahadur said purchase terms have not yet been finalized, but there was a decision on the size of the ships. He said their delivery is expected next year and negotiations are proceeding for securing additional shipping.—United Press.



A bright Southern California sun and fluffy clouds make a dramatic background for the handsome Laust Maersk as she completes her maiden voyage from Los Angeles Harbor. The speedy freighter, on her maiden voyage from Denmark, recently visited Far East ports.

TANKER RATES
DROP AGAIN

London, Mar. 25. There has been no sign of any recovery in the oil tanker charter market. Demand is slight and only a few fixtures have been reported.

A fixture late last week of a 30,000-tonner from the Persian Gulf completed the current requirements of charterers in that area. A number of vessels completed for that contract.

One broker points out that continued reports from the United States, Britain and the Continent of Europe of increasing unemployment and decreasing consumption of oil and coal suggest that no relief can be expected on the tanker or dry-cargo markets.

RATES LOW. Rates have already reached such low and uneconomic levels that fluctuations can only be slight unless there is a marked expansion in demand. Persian Gulf to Britain or Continent rates last week were slightly lower at British Ministry of Transport Scale minus 55-50 per cent.

The few charters showing any interest at all in fixing tonnage seem to be turning their attention to the possibilities of obtaining short-term tonnage at very low rates.

Over 3½ million deadweight tons of tankers are now laid up throughout the world.

MAERSK SHIP'S
MAIDEN TRIP

Los Angeles, Mar. 25. Denmark's newest entry in round-the-world trade — m.s. Laust Maersk — completed her maiden voyage to Hongkong recently, and is now en route to Bangkok.

A striking sight with her bright blue hull and gleaming white super-structure, the Laust Maersk is the 73rd vessel of the Maersk Steamship Company's fleet which now has 650,000 deadweight tons aloft. The new 12,520-ton ship is 455 feet long and has a service speed of 18 knots, making her one of the fastest of her size in world trade.

Captain S. M. Andersen commands the vessel and K. C. Lund is the chief engineer.

DESIGN. Built at Denmark's Odense Steel Ship Yard, the Laust Maersk features the latest in design and equipment and has numerous special cargo facilities. Among them are tanks for vegetable oils, latex and molasses — highly important commodities in the trade flowing in and out of this port.

The sleek new freighter carried from Los Angeles Harbor 360 tons of general cargo, including 100 tons of tin plate for Yokohama and 500 pounds of Southern California wearing apparel for Hongkong.

Other ports the Laust Maersk will visit before circling the globe include Nagoya, Kobe, Osaka, Keelung, Saigon, Djakarta, Singapore, Port Swettenham, Penang and Belawan Deli.

The New York
Stock Market

New York, Mar. 25. Stocks turned a bit ragged today with volume falling off as profit-taking developed in some recently strong sections. Toward closing time a somewhat firmer tendency developed but the net result was a small overall dip in the averages, except utilities.

Chemicals were supported late in the session and some of the rails rallied despite a long list of unfavourable earnings reports appearing for the month of February. Many special issues rose a point or more.

Steels, drugs, autos, some of the tyros, and aircrafts declined. In the last, United Aircraft lost more than a point.

Pandora Eastern Pipe Line rose a point to help sustain in the utility average. Oils, except International, ruled strong.

Utilities set a nine-month high in their average. In the aircrafts, after the close of trading the Government announced Martin had been named chief contractor for the development of the new solid-fuel Pershing missile. United Aircraft lost 1½ in this group.

The rails were depressed by poor earnings reports for February.

Coppers moved lower despite another increase in the price of the metal abroad.

Martin won the most active issue, followed by Lorillard, American Cyanamid, Texas Gulf Sulphur and Getty Oil. All but Lorillard finished higher.

Of the 1,168 issues traded, 555 declined, 361 advanced and 252 held unchanged. New highs were set by 89 issues while 13 fell to new lows.

American Stock Exchange sales dropped to 600,000 shares from 600,000 shares yesterday. Total volume was \$4,630,000 against \$4,680,000 yesterday.

Dow-Jones closing averages were:

30 Industrials	450.00
20 Rails	105.50
15 Utilities	73.75
65 Stocks	125.00
40 Bonds	88.70
Comm. future price index	100.72

NEW YORK
RUBBER
MARKET

New York, Mar. 25. Rex rubber futures today closed unchanged to 45 points lower with sales of 91 contracts.

March, 26.50; May, 26.50; July, 26.50; Sept, 26.75; Nov, 26.75; Jan, 26.75; March, 26.50; May, 26.50; July, 26.50; Sept, 26.75; Nov, 26.75; Jan, 26.75.

Standard contract closed unchanged to 45 points lower with no sales reported.

March, 26.50; May, 26.50; July, 26.50; Sept, 26.75; Nov, 26.75; Jan, 26.75.

March contracts held relatively steady on covering before expiration of the delivery on Thursday. In later months, dealer selling orders predominated while the speculative talent followed the stock market decline while awaiting further news from India.

In the shipment market, offerings were light to moderate. A small tonnage reportedly worked out of Thailand, included some three sheets at 2½ cents and four sheets at 2½ cents, both March-April cost and freight. Domestic consumer interest remained flat. Spot No. 1 RSS was quoted at 26½ cents.—United Press.

The rubber market was dull with spot unchanged at 23-3/10 pence per lb. Prices:

No. 1 RSS spot	23½-23¾
Settlement	23½-23¾
April	23½-23¾
May	23½-23¾
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July	23½-23¾
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Rape Charges Against Chinese

Two men, Lau Chan-kwong and Chow Shu-yun, were arraigned before Mr Justice C. W. Rocco at the Criminal Sessions this morning on charges of rape, assault and indecent assault.

The two men were charged with having carnal knowledge of a 13-year-old European girl on January 5. First accused was additionally charged with assaulting a 14-year-old European girl occasioning her actual bodily harm and the second accused was additionally charged with indecent assault on the 14-year-old girl and attempting to strangle her with intent to commit an indictable offence.

NOT GUILTY PLEA

They pleaded not guilty to the charges. A jury of six men and one woman was empanelled. Mr Desmond Mayne, and Mr D. G. Willis, Crown Counsel, prosecuted, assisted by Det. Insp. F. Indge-Buckingham.

Mr Mayne told the jury that the two girls went for a walk on a Kowloon hill on the afternoon of January 5 and came across the two accused. The first accused allegedly offered them some flowers which they declined. He later produced a knife and the two girls indicated to them they had no money.

Shortly afterwards, the two men approached the girls and the first accused was alleged to have assaulted the 13-year-old girl while the second accused allegedly attacked the other girl.

SUBMISSION

Mr Mayne said it was not alleged by the Crown that second accused had made any physical attack on the 13-year-old girl, but the Crown submitted that he was equally guilty of the offence. Hearing is continuing.

Suspects Detained

Two suspects have been detained by the Police, one for attempting to steal from a Chinese at a bus stop outside 44 Des Voeux Road, Central, and the other following the loss of a fountain pen by a passenger on a tram in Causeway Bay.

A purse containing cash was stolen from a Chinese woman on a tram between Hennessy Road and Des Voeux Road, Central, at about 8.30 a.m. today.

Three Men Charged With Robbery Of Colony Flat

The trial of three men charged with robbing the occupants of a Percival Street flat, which they allegedly entered on the pretext of delivering some goods, started before Mr Justice A. D. Scholes at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Accused of taking part in that robbery are Lau Sau, 30, Kot Sin-yue, 31, and Hau Shiu-chi, 22, all unemployed. They were alleged to have robbed Mrs Wong Shek-chun of a wrist watch, a cigarette lighter and a pair of spectacles at 24 Percival Street, third floor, on December 20 last year; and to have taken from Mrs Wong's maid, Chey Wal-hing, another wrist watch, a gold finger ring and HK\$1.

A fourth man, Lee Ha-sun, 23, unemployed, is charged with receiving stolen property. Mr D. E. Greenfield, Crown Counsel, told the jury that at about 3 p.m. on December 20 a man—alleged to have been the third accused—appeared at the door of the house with a cardboard box, saying it was from a Mr Lam.

Seized

The man took the box to her mistress's room. When she returned to the door, the third accused seized her from behind. A struggle ensued and two other men came in.

Mr Greenfield said the Crown's case was that one of these was the second accused, and the other, who had his face covered, was the first accused.

The intruders, one of whom had a knife, threatened their two victims with death if they gave the alarm, and proceeded to take various articles from them. After tying the two up, the men left.

Mr Greenfield said the evidence would show that all four accused met in a hut in Kowloon. A woman named Chey, who was also in the hut, would testify that the second accused gave her a finger ring to pawn. She pawned it for \$3, and gave the money and the pawn ticket to the second accused.

Led To Arrest

From the conversation she heard between the four men, Crown Counsel said, the woman gathered that a place in Hong Kong had just been robbed. She saw some articles being passed to the fourth accused. Two days later, she saw them distributing money among themselves.

Investigations led to the arrest of the four men on December 30, Mr Greenfield stated. Hearing is proceeding.

MINOR CLASHES IN CYPRUS

Nicosia, Mar. 25. Cypriot Greeks today celebrated the anniversary of the 1821 Greek uprising for independence with peaceful demonstrations and processions.

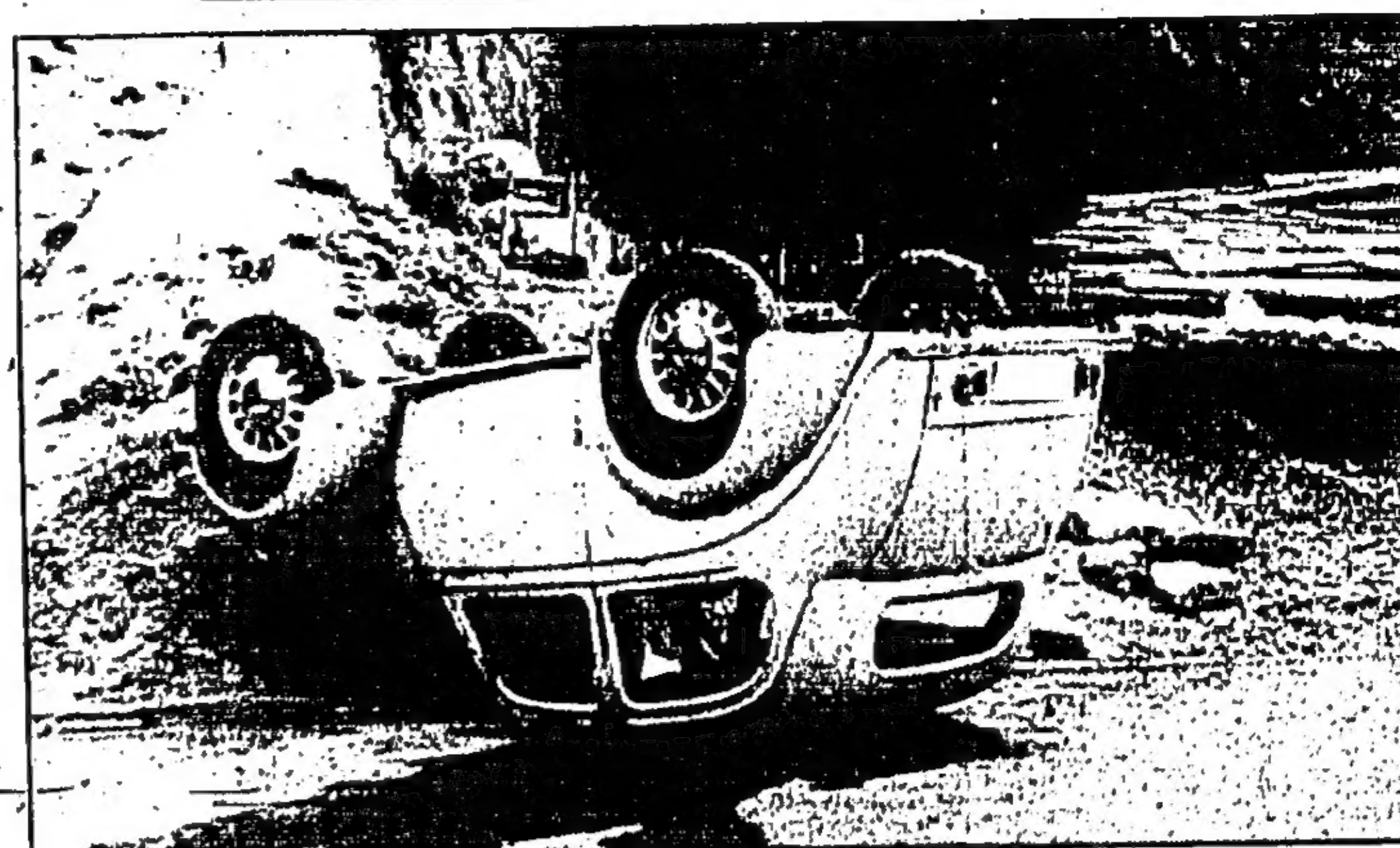
Only six villages in the troubled island reported minor incidents of clashes between right and left-wing Cypriots. In the East Cyprus village of Ayios Serghios, during a fist-fight between right and left-wingers, a bomb exploded in the field. But villagers said it was only set off "to frighten Communists" and no one was hurt.

The Governor, Sir Hugh Foot, said tonight that the day was "a day of triumph for good sense and good humour and goodwill. I pray it may be a turning point in establishing better relationships and understanding for the future."—Reuter.

\$2,000 Street Theft

A handbag containing \$2,000 was snatched from a Chinese woman in Soy Street, near Fa Yuen Street, last night.

CAR TURNS OVER



A private car turned over following an accident in Tai Hang Road near the Wesley Resettlement Village shortly after 2 p.m. yesterday. The vehicle was travelling down Tai Hang Road towards Causeway Bay when it swerved off the road and hit a building. The driver, the only occupant, was injured and was taken to the hospital.—Photo by Cheng Hin-ming.

NORTH POINT WHARVES RECORD PROFIT

The North Point Wharves, Ltd last year earned a record profit of \$1,282,995 and Major S. M. Churn, Chairman of the Board of Directors, said this morning that this was equivalent to more than double the profit of the previous year.

The company has available for appropriations \$2,011,012 and at the 10th annual general meeting this morning in the boardroom of the Union Trading Co., Ltd, Major Churn said the Board of Directors recommended payment of a dividend of 75 cents per share, amounting to \$1,282,995, and a bonus to staff, \$500,000; pay a bonus to staff, \$500,000; provide for taxation for 1958-59, \$140,000 and to carry forward to next account, \$782,637.

Addressing the shareholders, Major Churn said: "The profit for the year 1957 was \$1,282,995, equal to 18.21 per cent dividend. This is over double the profit earned in 1956—\$599,659 or 8.47 per cent dividend—and is, of course, a record for the company."

Tonnage Increase

"Tonnage handled again showed an increase. Our properties worked to full capacity throughout the year and more vessels used our facilities."

"Our connections with shipping companies have been well maintained, and when our new 30,000-ton godown is completed about end of March this year, we shall be able to increase the transit area, which in the past has also been used for storage, thus more easily accommodating incoming cargo."

"The new godown, sited immediately behind the existing transit sheds, is of the most modern type. Its design has been studied and favourably commented upon by visiting port officials from places as far afield as Korea, Australia and Germany. Most of the additional machinery necessary for the operation of these premises has now been received, and there will be no delay in bringing this project into full operation."

"Changes per dollar earned again showed a satisfactory decrease."

Satisfactory

"The excellent and satisfactory service from our staff is to be commended. Their careful attention to the interests, both of the Company and our increasing clientele, has contributed to the successful results attained."

"Our properties have been well maintained throughout the year. Dredging of our wharves, last done in 1948, was carried out during the year and a safe depth of 32 feet at low water spring tides has been established. The new Kai Tak runway, extending into the harbour, would not appear to have affected the wharves."

"Turning to the balance sheet, the increase under buildings is the cost to date of the new godown. On this godown there is \$738,000 due to be paid in 1958. The funds for financing this project have been loaned to us by our parent company, which accounts for the increase in the loan account."

Mikoyan Keeps Silent

Moscow, Mar. 25. Soviet Deputy Premier, Anastas Mikoyan, tonight baulked all attempts by the press to obtain information from him as to the present series of talks between United Nations Secretary-General, Dag Hammarskjöld, and Soviet leaders.

Cornered by reporters at a reception in the Greek Embassy in honour of the Greek National Day, Mikoyan was asked if Hammarskjöld had come to Moscow to try to persuade the Soviet Government to take part in the work of the UN Disarmament Commission.

"That would produce no results," Mikoyan replied. Asked what questions had been discussed, Mikoyan said: "Ask Mr Khrushchev. He is the one who talked with Hammarskjöld."

LIKELIHOOD

"Will you go to the United States? If the summit conference takes place there?" a reporter asked.

"Why should I be the one to go?" Mikoyan replied.

Questioned as to the likelihood of a Soviet Governmental shakeup during the forthcoming session of the Supreme Soviet, Mikoyan commented: "Wait till March 27 and see for yourself."

He indicated that the session of the Supreme Soviet would last for four or five days. It was meanwhile learned that members of the Government had given a dinner this evening in honour of Hammarskjöld.—France-Press.

NO SCHOOLING FOR CHILDREN

Manila, Mar. 26. More than 500,000 Filipino school-children may be refused admission to elementary schools this coming school year because of limited funds, Education Department officials stated yesterday. Repeated representations to Congress by school officials for additional appropriation have fallen on deaf ears, the officials said.

The Education Department asked for funds for an additional 20,000 extension classes but were granted by Congress only enough for 3,500 such classes.—France-Press.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Young man, you're awfully concerned over what size I should wear! It'll be my feet that hurt, not yours!"

SPC Floral Competition

By JILL DOCKETT

A delightful array of floral decorations and distinctive table arrangements are on view at Government House today, sponsored by the Society for the Protection of Children. Lady Black will present prizes to the successful contestants at 6 p.m. today.

Early this morning arrangements in 10 classes were being composed of fragrant blooms and foliage, gleaming crystal and nappery by active competitors each absorbed in their creative art.

Floral arrangements massed on pedestal included an outstanding composition in flame-coloured tropical blossoms, created by Mrs. F. G. Nigel. Nearby a most tasteful cluster of hydrangeas, azaleas, asters, delphiniums, scabiosa, irises and hollyhocks in tones of cyclamen, lilac and lavender, by Mrs. R. Simpson, was exclaiming much comment.

PRIZES

A third attractive pedestal display in ivory of roses, lilies, carnations, and snapdragons by Mrs. R. W. Mills was effective against the black velvet background. These three entries were awarded first prize, honourable and special mentions respectively in their class.

Lady Bastyan, Mrs. A. E. Arnold and Dr. Li Shu-fan were the judges with no enviable task to decide between the beautiful and varied artistic contributions.

The simple line arrangements included a Japanese entry of red and cream roses by Yukio Matsumura, and a Japanese poetry book containing many beautiful poems by Mrs. Louisa Callaghan.

An ingeniously contrived spider's web with wild wood rose by Mrs. Rose Eu, and Mrs. J. T. Prior's honeysuckle in bamboo container were also admired.

In the miniature class Mrs. M. E. Holder had arranged delicate tiny blossoms in a silver thimble, and Mrs. N. S. Schmitt was building a walled garden for a child's wonderland. In a wisp of turquoise chiffon Mrs. Sloop had a small pedestal of flowers beside miniature gold scissors.

PANSIES

Mrs. J. Tanecock was arranging pansies, snapdragons, marigolds and freesias with their reflection in the mirror hanging above.

The beauty of each bloom was shown to greatest advantage by Mrs. C. Brown's scheme of tawny roses, African daisies, freesias, smilax and autumn leaves.

Unusual contributions included the Indian floral head-dresses of fresh buds and tinsel created by Dr. L. B. Adarkar, and the wax lotus and hanging bells lantern from Thailand by Mrs. V. Chulakijwongse.

Three outstanding table displays were entered by the Winston Institute, with fresh vegetables massed and trails of parsley and radishes with Manila mats and lettuce green napkins; Miss Janet Pope's clever casual arrangement of a table when the meal is finished of green and tangerine colour scheme, and Mrs. Eitman's special occasion display with grey linen, pewter beakers and candleabra with massive green candles, centrepiece of lobster and conch shell.

Easter parties for children were very popular, and the most edible of all the displays for children seemed to be Mrs. T. P. Dillon's Noah's Ark of pink and brown marzipan, animal shape sandwiches and cookies, all colourful and tempting.

The display is on view from 2 p.m. admission at Government House, \$5 each and the prize-winning ceremony at 6 p.m.

THREE HURT

Three pedestrians, two of them children, were injured in separate traffic accidents in Hongkong and Kowloon yesterday.

They are Wong Cheung-chau, an eight-year-old boy, of 474, Lockhart Road, ground floor, a ten-year-old girl, Sau Shu-yin, of 340 "D" Block, Tai Hang Tung Resettlement Estate, and a 35-year-old man, Shum Pak, of Shui Wai Village, Tai Po. All three are now receiving treatment in hospital.

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From the Files 25 years AGO

THE reconstruction of the Tung Wah Hospital in Po Yan Street, which may require the expenditure of over \$500,000, is having the serious consideration of the new Board of Directors under the chairmanship of Mr. P. H. H. Chow. The Directors have contributed over \$70,000 towards the scheme, but the strong support of the wealthy residents will be needed to find the further amount required to make the work possible. The three Chinese representatives on the Legislative Council, together with Sir Shou-sen Chow, have been working most energetically with the hospital Directors, and they held a meeting earlier this week in connexion with the scheme.

Some of the policemen in Brighton are now equipped with pocket wireless sets and while walking on their beats, they can listen to messages broadcast from a powerful transmitter at the Town Hall.

THE Diocesan School Old Boys' Association has been formed, of which the Bishop of Victoria, the Rt. Rev. Ronald Hall, is the Patron and Mr. Chun Yue-tung the President. The Association's constitution was adopted at a tea party at the Exchange Restaurant yesterday (March 17) afternoon when several old boys enrolled as members. Mr. Chun Yue-tung presided and he was supported by Mr. W. A. Zimmerman (Hon. Secretary), Messrs C. B. R. Sargent (Headmaster) T. M. Wong, R. Drude and W. N. Thomas Tam.

Cameras have been supplied experimentally to some of the Berlin traffic officers in order that they may obtain immediately photographic evidence in street accidents or other occurrences.

LONDON—Wonderful robot railway sidings, which are the second biggest in the world, have been opened by the London and North-Eastern Railway at March in Cambridgeshire. The sidings are able to accommodate 10,500 trucks and vans. The vehicles are drawn to the top of a hump where they are controlled by a switchman in a central tower. The wagons then free-wheel down the hump, into their appointed sidings, being sorted by automatic controls, with the assistance of electro-magnetic rail brakes. Formerly 100 men, working for hours, were employed to do the work which a few unskilled men are able to do in as many minutes by using the latest robot, which can shunt 80 wagons into their respective sidings in six minutes.

The BBC's new organ in Broadcasting House is rapidly taking shape, but it will probably be well into the summer before Hongkong listeners can hear it. The organ will contain over 2,300 pipes divided into 31 tones. The organ will be electrically driven and the organist will be able to play to from a distance.

POCKET CARTOON
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